



Responsive Prayer
Grace Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska

Respond in Bold

Opening

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, **have mercy on us.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 7

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

Silence

Where do I see Jesus in the world today? How do I know it’s Jesus?

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,

Silence

What does it mean that God is building us into a spiritual house? How does God do this?

Gospel Reading: John 14

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
voice.

Silence

What does it mean that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life?

Video Moment

Lord God, We Praise You



1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and
2 Mon-arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch-ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer
weak-ness, health and whole-ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with-out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound-ing through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite
Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Show us your mercy, O God, **and grant us your salvation.**
Give us the joy of your saving help again, **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**
Give peace in all the world; **for only in you can we live in safety.**
Keep the nations under your care, **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Let your way be known upon earth; **your saving health among all nations.**
Let not the needy be forgotten, **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**
Lord, hear my prayer, **and let my cry come before you.**

Closing Prayer

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us every day by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but remember that always we are walking in your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Almighty God (+) bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**