



**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**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may always have a right judgment in all things and rejoice in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Acts 2

<sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Question

The Holy Spirit chooses to speak through all of us and not some of us. What does this say about our mission and ministry as a church?

1 Corinthians 12

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

Question

Who makes ministry among us happen and why is this important to our mission and ministry as a church?

John 20

<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Question

The Holy Spirit is “breathed on us”. What does this say about the Holy Spirit?

**Video Moment**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW 548

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Musical score for "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" in G major (one sharp). The score consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in four parts (1, 2, 3, 4) for the first staff, and then continue across the remaining staves.

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;

from this meal of love and grace;  
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed; whole;  
God has called us to re - ceive;  
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion  
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
to re - lease and to let con - sole.  
Spir - it - ed then and us live.  
from this day and un - to death.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

God, the won - der of our days.  
Christ, the pres - ent, past, and goal.  
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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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.