



**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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 2:24**

<sup>24</sup>But God raised him (Jesus) up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

*Silence*

What does this mean for you, "it was impossible for him (Jesus) to be held in its (death's) power."

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>(God has given us) ...an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*Silence*

What does this mean for you, "...an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,"

**Gospel Reading: John 20:21-22**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

*Silence*

What does this mean for you, "<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

**Video Moment**

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;  
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
**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.**