



**Midweek Prayer Service  
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**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Readings**

Isaiah 56

1Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

Question

How do you define “justice” in this reading? How is this connected to doing what is right?

Romans 11

32For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Question

Do you see your disobedience as a “choice” or an “imprisonment” or both?

Matthew 15

28Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

Question

Jesus is always more impressed with faith rather than works? Why?

**Video Moment**

Hymn of the Day: ELW 650 In Christ There is no East or West

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.  
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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.

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 promises; 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.**