



**Midweek Service
Grace Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska**

Opening

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

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Ezekiel 18

32For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Question

When you turn to the Lord God, what happens?

Psalms 25

6Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Question

Why is it important that God remember compassion and love?

Philippians 2

4Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Question

What happens when all of us look to the interests of others?

Matthew 21

Jesus said to the religious leaders, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you."

Question

What surprises you about this comment from Jesus?

Video Moment

Hymn of the Day: ELW 801

Change My Heart, O God

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Refrain

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services
Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

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.**