

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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MORNING PRAYER  
8:00AM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.  
C **All the time God loves you.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

P Gracious God,  
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us  
by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of  
life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful ✠ Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all our sins.

C **Amen**

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for  
all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and  
for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
C **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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in  
his grace.  
C **Amen.**  
P O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the  
cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power  
of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with  
Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**  
P Almighty God bless us,+ and direct our days and our deeds in peace.  
C **Amen.**

OPENING DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,  
C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**  
P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.  
C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**  
P One does not live by bread alone,  
C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

*Please be seated.*

READINGS

Psalm 103:8-13

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**  
<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.  
<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.  
<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Matthew 18:21-35

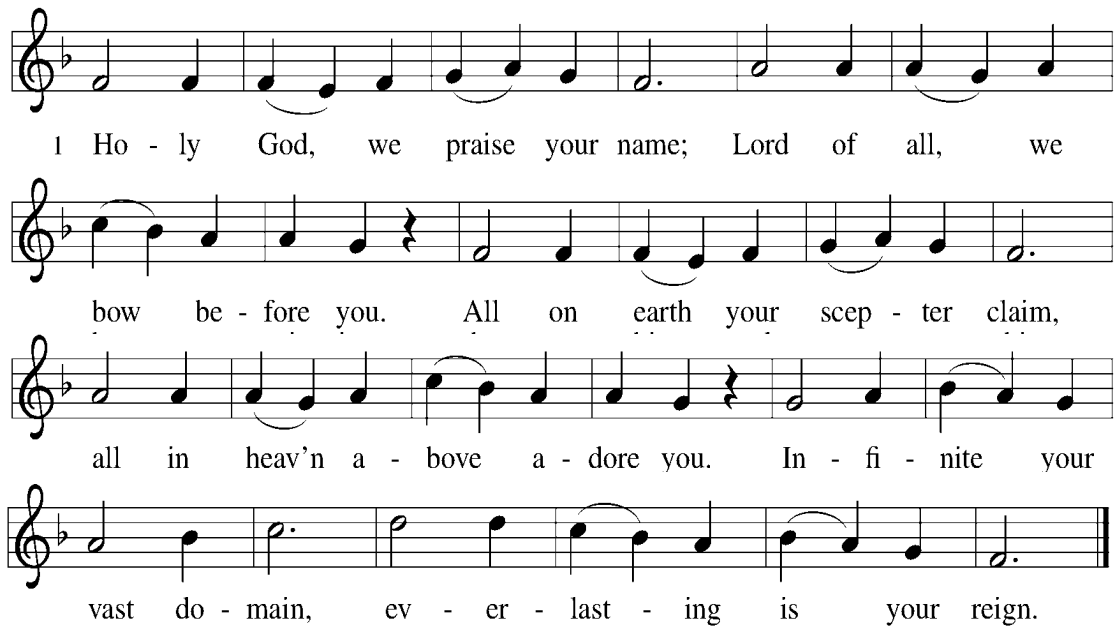
<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.  
<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he

went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P The Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

GOSPEL CANTICLE RESPONSE TO THE WORD



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.

THE PRAYERS

P Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
C **and grant us your salvation.**  
P Clothe your ministers with righteousness.  
C **Let your people sing with joy.**  
P Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
C **for only in you can we live in safety.**  
P Lord, keep this nation under your care,  
C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
P Let your way be known upon earth;  
C **your saving health among all nations.**  
P Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,  
C **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
P Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
C **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**  
P Lord, we pray for those who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit,  
C **Give them the healing, wholeness, and comfort of your presence.**  
P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.  
C **Amen**  
  
P The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**  
P Lift up your heart  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**