



## OUR STATEMENT OF MISSION

**Grace Lutheran Church is a community of faith, centered in worship, held in grace, strengthened in love, sent forth in mission, in Jesus' name.**

**Welcome!** *If this is your first time worshipping at Grace Lutheran, we're glad you are here!*

*You can learn more about our congregation*

- *on our website at [www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)*
- *by asking a greeter or other members of the congregation*
- *picking up one of our brief brochures from the Visitor Center in the Gathering Hall, or newsletters in the Entryway.*

*Worship Online: During times when we are online-only, or when you cannot be with us in person, you can participate in worship on our website or Facebook page @gracelutherandm .*

*We worship together in many ways: Standing, sitting, singing, speaking, listening. You are invited to worship in as many (or few) ways as you are comfortable and able. **When following along in the bulletin, the congregation is invited to read the items in bold (often marked with a C:) aloud.***

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Children belong and are welcome in worship!** *Children's bulletins are available from the ushers, and activity bags are available outside the doors to the sanctuary. If needed, the **Kids Corner** in the Gathering Hall has puzzles, books, coloring pages and Mega-blocks! This space is intended to offer a place for children to be and play if they need to step out of worship and during fellowship times.*

**Communion – We welcome all people to the Lord's table** *to receive Holy Communion. Children ages 3 and above are welcome at the parents' discretion, after meeting for instruction with the pastor. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

**If you are interested in finding out more about membership at Grace, please contact Pastor Mike at [Mike@gracedm.org](mailto:Mike@gracedm.org), 515-276-6873.**

## Prelude

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

## Welcome

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: God of new life,

**C: We live as though you are still in the grave. We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people without exception. We continue to sin against you and our neighbors by our actions and our failure to act. Shake us out of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about your reign in the world today.**

L: We are an Easter people! Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has redeemed all of creation. Know that you are made whole, forgiven of all your sins, and empowered to live out the gospel in joy.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

ACS #1043

## Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie



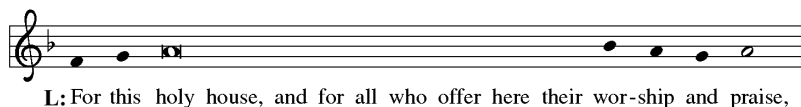
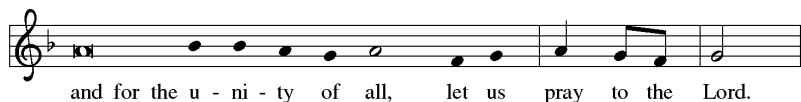
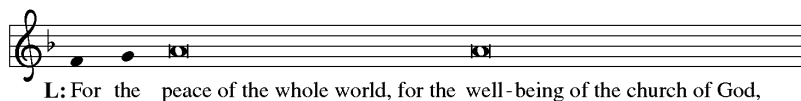
## Gathering Hymn

We are a “singing church,” so we follow the advice of the apostle Paul to teach and admonish “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

## Kyrie

In Mark 10 we hear of Jesus’ journey through Jericho to Jerusalem where he encounters Bartimaeus, a blind man, who hears this is Jesus and shouts, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.” From that time to the present, Jesus’ followers have prayed that same prayer to

God: "Kyrle  
Eleison" ("Lord,  
have mercy"). We  
are totally depend-  
ent upon God, so  
we pray for mercy  
in every aspect of  
life.



## Hymn of Praise

Quite often in the Bible, Jesus eats with people and shares parables about banquets and feasts. This hymn points us to the Lord's Supper as a foretaste of the feast to come. This is an opportunity for us to hear and sing the hymn of praise with all the saints in heaven.

## Canticle of Praise



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also with you.

**Reading Notes:**

*(Acts) The apostles were gathered in a house on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to fill the place and enabled them to speak in other languages.*

*(Galatians) Those who lived under the law are now redeemed by Christ who set them free from slavery under the spiritual forces. And as they receive the Spirit of Christ who calls God "Abba, Father," they are no longer slaves but children of God.*

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Gracious God,

**C: Thank you for all the ways in which you meet us where we are, just as you spoke to the people on Pentecost in ways and languages they would understand. Give us the words to speak that we might reach others with the good news of the gospel in a world that so desperately needs to hear it. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Anthem**

"O Living Breath of God"

*Chancel Choir*

**Reading: Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7**

<sup>2:1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <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.

<sup>4:1</sup>My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; <sup>2</sup>but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. <sup>3</sup>So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Adam Barden

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Hymn of the Day**

"O Spirit All-Embracing"

ACS #944

## 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 of the People

L: Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

L: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting  
that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen  
Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon  
us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in  
love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

## Announcements

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray,

**C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we  
may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*This prayer in  
the service follows  
the directive of the  
Apostle Paul to  
young Timothy, a  
pastor: "I urge,  
then, first of all, that  
requests, prayers,  
intercession and  
thanksgiving be  
made for everyone.*

## Offering

*As Lutherans, we  
believe that Chris-  
tian giving is about  
worship AND ac-  
tion. As an option to  
the offering plate,  
scan this QR code  
to access our se-  
cure digital offering  
plate.*



### ***Blessing***

*Here as we leave to continue our journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land, God uses the pastor to say words that were said first through Aaron in the wilderness more than 3,000 years ago.*

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

L: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

L: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

L: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

L: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor



and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Sending Hymn**      “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”      ACS #942

**Dismissal**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

“O Day Full of Grace”

arr. Anne Krentz Organ





## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** —the people of Grace

**Pastor** –

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**Greeter** – Rich Snyder

**Liturgist** – Jenny Rehder

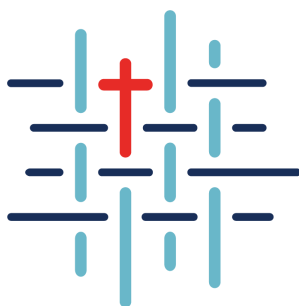
**Lector** – Carol Woodruff

**Altar Guild** – Carol Woodruff and Mary Jo McCleary

**Tech Crew** – Greg Boeschen, Jamie Briggs, Chuck Denton, Paul Nelson,  
Jon Rissman, & Amy Schmelzer

**Counters** – Mark Stumme & Carter Woodruff

**Coffee & Donuts** –



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