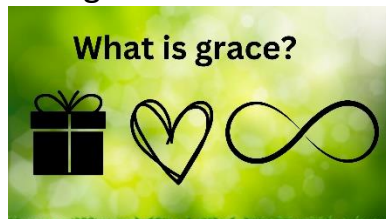


Lector: Brenda Bass
Acolyte: Brett Chladek
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July 16, 2023
Grace Alone: Third Sunday of Series

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Flower Dedication:** To the Glory of God in loving remembrance of my wife Lin. Ron Starks
- What is grace?



- **Imagine Eleven:**
 - What we do together:
 - Building Community
 - Supporting Community Ministries
 - How you can help:
 - Attend Events
 - Tell Others
 - Donate
 - Thrivent Action Grants
 - Schedule for June
 - **July 16:** Stephanie Glenn and Funk Syndicate
 - **July 23:** Stephanie Gummelt and Lyin' Eyes
 - **Altar Flowers:** Looking forward to flowers for the summer months: July 30 and August 27 and all of September. Don't forget to sign up on the flower chart posted outside the sanctuary if you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday. Please direct any questions you have to Nancy Lewis or Janice Harmsen.
 - **Instrumental Praise Team Rehearsal:** Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
 - **Full Praise Team Rehearsal:** Wednesday, July 19th but typically Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
- **NO YOUTH GROUP**

- **July 17, 24, 31:** Line Dancing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **July 18:** Men’s Breakfast at La Peep 7:00 a.m.
- **July 25:** Haven House Cooking at 3:00 p.m. Serving at 5:00 p.m.
- **July 30:** Noisy Offering; NO Fellowship Meal – will resume in September

 **5:00 MINUTE COUNTDOWN**

 **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

 **#11 PASTOR WELCOME**

 **#21 SANCTUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#11 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, we know you love us so much. You loved us enough to come to earth to be with us, live with us, cry with us. You loved us enough to go to the cross to break the power that sin had over us so nothing could separate us from you. We know this, yet we will still fall short. We still give into our selfish desires and our ego to be better than others. We come before you burdened with sin and are in desperate need of your forgiveness.

Good and loving God,

Forgive us when we close our ears to the stories of pain from others and our eyes to their needs.

Forgive us when we neglect our communities because we don't care or because we don't want to deal with it.

Forgive us when we expect you to fix things and forget we are your hands.

Forgive us our sins.

We are invited to silently confess our sins to God.

Because of Jesus' death, when he took away all the power of sin, we can confidently say our sins are forgiven. Find hope in this good news and be freed to go and be who God created you to be.

 **Amen! Let it be so.**

 **WELCOMING HYMN**

“Broken Vessels”

Joel Houston

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 **#11 GREETING**

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

And also with you.

 **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of grace,

**You show us mercy and forgiveness when we sin, yet it’s difficult for us to do
the same to others when they wrong us. Send us people like Paul, who
challenge us to see God’s will and show others grace.**

Amen.

We are invited to stand.

■ HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain



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peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

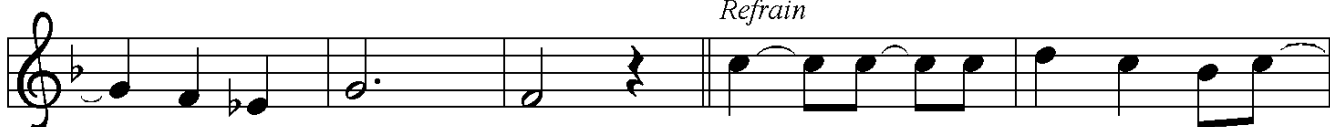


1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

A reading from Philemon.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus
our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:³

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵

⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all
the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in
Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹

on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a
prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose
father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you,
but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my
own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of
service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I
preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might
be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was
separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no
longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.¹⁷So if you consider me
your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸

¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about
your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from
you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am
writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.²²One thing more —
prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored
to you.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴

²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

PASTOR:

Since there is no Gospel reading this week, we will not stand or sing a Gospel
Acclamation. All words in the Bible are special and important. However, the
Gospels are the only books where Jesus speaks, so when reading the Gospel we

stand and sing to honor Jesus and his teachings. Today, we are reading from the book of James, chapter 2 therefore, we sit and listen to God's holy word.

 **#22 SECOND READING**

James 2:14-20

A reading from James.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe — and shudder. ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren?

 The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

 **#23 CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Janice Harmsen

"The B-I-B-L-E"

 *As the children come forward, we are invited to sing...*

The B-I-B-L-E,

Yes that's the book for me;

I stand alone on the Word of God,

The B-I-B-L-E.

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 **CHILDREN'S CHAT SLIDE**

 *As the children return to their seats, we are invited to sing...*


SERMON

Pastors Sami Pfalzgraf and Sarah Pierce

 #13

 #25

 #31

 If Pastor has chosen any slides for her Sermon that week switch back to PC when she asks for them.

We are invited to stand.

■ HYMN OF THE DAY

“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

Rusty Edwards

v. 1,2,4

F F/C F F/A C F F⁷/A

1 By grace we have been saved through faith and not by keep - ing law.
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's plan, not one o - beyed.
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through Je - sus on the cross.
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank God, we shall re - vive.
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal - va - tion is se - cured.

F/C F F/A Gm/B \flat F/C Gm/C F

God's saints be - lieved by what they heard and not by what they saw.
 Christ has for all ful - filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 While we were foes, Christ died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 For just as Je - sus rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 How beau - ti - ful the feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain
 F F/C F F/A Gm/B \flat Csus F F⁷/A Gm/B \flat

Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!

F/C F Dm Gm F/C Gm/C F

Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

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■ CREED

We make a public declaration of our faith before God and one another using the words of the Apostles' 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.**

We are invited to sit for the prayers.

■ PRAYER SONG

"May the God of All Grace"

Robert Buckley Farlee

ELW 217

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics: "May the God of all grace, who has called you to". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "glo - ry, sup - port you and make you strong." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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#22 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Brenda Bass

So often when we pray, we pray for ourselves, which is good. We also need to remember to pray for others and so we offer our prayer for a world in need.


A brief silence.

Holy God, when we get engrossed in things of this world, we often don't show others grace. This, unfortunately, also happens in the church causing people to walk away. Guide your church in the way of grace, so we can show all people grace and your family will grow. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. God of grace,
hear our prayer.


We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. We especially pray for those on the screen and others we name aloud and in our hearts. [PAUSE]. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

 **SLIDE:** Maddie McKnight, (friend of Laurel Goforth), Patty Hansen (Brooke's mom), Sunshine Amthauer (daughter to Bob and Fran Lynch), Jack Pearl, Sarah W. and family, Nickie Casburn, Ron and Lynn Hunter (friends of Sharmyn Thompson), Bob Lynch, Brie Phillips (Charlotte Chirila's granddaughter), Brett Chladek and family, Karen Young, Scott Wells, friend of Jeff Langdon, Charles Newman, brother to Dave Newman, David Bezona, Greg Owen, Randi Lenander's brother, Kay Howard and family, Kevin and Becky Carlson (cousins to Kathy Wessler), Charles Frazer (Friend to Irene Wall), Loren Larkin (friend of Sharmyn Thompson), Victor Johnson (uncle of Kenny Ruff), Kim Durbin (cousin of Kenny Ruff), Floreen

Johnson, Janet Ruff, Richard Palmer (husband of Debbie Ziph-Palmer and friend of Carol Wilson), Darin Hinnergardt (friend of Jeff Langdon), Brenda Fanning (step-daughter of Dorothy Masteller), Pamela Kirkpatrick-Norton and family, Dorothy Masteller, Verna Kirschner, Della Schiermeyer, Carol Wilson, Rosa and Vivine Langdon (granddaughters of Kris and Jeff Langdon), Keira Wall (great-niece of Irene Wall).

We thank you, Gracious God, for First Lutheran Church. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Make us examples of how to show others grace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

 **#22** Gracious God, you are big enough and good enough to hear all prayers and so we know you hear and will answer our prayers, today. **Amen.**

We are invited to stand.

SHARING OF GRACE

We share grace with one another by waiving thus assuring each other our pledge to show God's unending love and forgiveness to each other. We say to each other:

I give you grace.

I give you grace.

 **#31** We are invited to share grace with each other.

ONLINE OFFERING SLIDE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:


"Inside Out"

Addy Gabriel, Piano and Voice

#24 OFFERING PRAYER

After receiving your love and forgiveness, after receiving your holy word, we respond in offering to you, O God, our selves, our time and our money. We may not always be able to give the time and money we would like, but God, we give you what we can and most importantly we give you our very selves.

We pray together,

 **We give to you, O God, our selves, our time and our money to support your church and your mission throughout the world. Be present with those who decide how to use these offerings, that they are used for your ways and not our ways. Amen.**

#14 DIALOGUE

God has prepared a sacred meal for us.

We praise you, O God.

God invites us to this sacred meal; sinner and saint, wounded and healed, weak and strong.

We praise you, O God and we thank you.

PREFACE

God, you give us food to strengthen us to do the things you need us to do. This meal is sacred because your holy presence is mysteriously infused in what we eat and drink at your table. These nourish us to do your work in our church, in our community and throughout the world. In response to this gift from you, we praise your name and sing with the angels in Isaiah's vision "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." We join with the people who shouted, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

■ SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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🍽️ #24 THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We continue to prepare ourselves to receive God’s holy meal by remembering all God has done for us through Jesus Christ. God’s grace did not start with the birth of Jesus. It was always present; since the beginning of all things. God’s grace was further revealed to us in Jesus Christ, helping us understand that there is nothing we need to do to earn God’s grace. Thus, we are freed from sin to do the important work God puts before us. This meal will nourish, strengthen, and sustain us through the presence of Jesus, to do what we are called by God to do.

Now, we ask Jesus to consecrate or make this bread and cup holy with his presence. It is not magic. It is a great mystery that has been believed and practiced since the first time we participated in this meal with Jesus...

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed it, 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.

■ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**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!**

#24 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host of this meal and Jesus welcomes all people. It doesn't matter if you're Lutheran or a member of this church. All are welcome at Jesus' table, so come.

COMMUNION VIDEOS:

[\(2\) Grace | Laura Story - YouTube](#)

CCLI # 5114924

[Only by grace - Regent Hall - YouTube](#)

CCLI #190579

#21 Communion Congregation Shot

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

When we participate in this holy meal, we are connected to all who believe throughout the world. We are connected through faith, through your presence and through your mission to share your grace with all we meet. Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Your Grace is Enough"

Matt Maher

CCLI #4477026

🎬 #12 or #27 or #32 to show Praise Team singing

🎬 #24 BLESSING

In the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our sustainer, we are sent out into a world that doesn't always show us grace, and so we respond by blessing others with God's unending love and mercy.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in grace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

🎬 #33 shows congregation leaving and Praise Team singing

🎬 Online viewers "Thank You" slide.