

# REDEEMING GRACE

## Lutheran Church



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## REDEEMING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We would love to invite you back, so please sign our guest register outside the main doors of the sanctuary. Children are most welcome to stay during our service, but if you need a quiet place, make yourself at home in the gathering space outside the sanctuary.

### WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Worship focuses on God's service to His people. Today our Triune God visits us each personally through His holy Word to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper is a sacred meal where Jesus comes to us personally in, with, and under the bread and wine. Because this meal is such a sacred and intimate expression of our faith, we ask that only our members take communion. If you have questions, please ask our pastor about the practice of closed communion.

### SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

HymnSoft	Elaina Adickes
Ushers	Ben Adickes, Nate Whitcomb, Easton Whitcomb
Altar Guild	Heather Whitcomb
F.A.S.T.	Delta   <i>Epsilon next week</i>

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | *See pages 10-11, and 156 in the Hymnal*

## SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*We prepare for worship by returning to our Baptism.  
"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized  
and wash your sins away, calling on His name." Acts 4:22*



### **GATHERING VERSE** | *read together*

**In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7**

### **OPENING HYMN**

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening | 283

- 1. Speak, O Savior, I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.*
- 2. Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.*
- 4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.*

### **THE COMMON SERVICE** | *please stand*

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**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

***Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.***

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen***

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

All Glory Be to God on High | 263

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

***All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.  
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will to all the  
earth; Oh, thank him for his goodness!***

P: The Lord be with you.

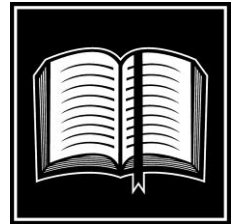
**C: *And also with you.***

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: *Amen.***

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Through the reading and preaching of His holy Word, Jesus calls out, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.*



### EPISTLE LESSON

*Acts 18:1-11*

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>6</sup>But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." <sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a

vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** | *read together*

*Deuteronomy 30:14*

**C: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.**

P: As is the custom of the Church, please stand for the Gospel. The Holy Gospel for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is found in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew beginning at the first verse.

**C: *Glory be to you, O Lord!***

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear... <sup>18</sup>“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.

This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup>The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** | *Children gather at the baptismal font*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast | **324**

- 1. Almighty God, your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.***
- 2. Let not the foe of Christ and man This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.***
- 3. Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.***
- 4. Whene'er the precious seed is sown, Lifegiving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.***

**SERMON** | ***The Word Gets It Done***

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills



will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

**RESPONSE** | *please stand*

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***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.***

### **OFFERING**

*We bring our offerings to God out of gratitude for all the blessings He has given us. Offerings may be left in the plate at the back of church or may be given online at [rglc.org](http://rglc.org).*

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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*Heaven and earth unite in this sacred meal for the forgiveness of sins. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8*



**THE LORD'S PRAYER AND PREFACE** | *please stand*

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: *And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: *We lift them up unto the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: *It is good and right so to do.***

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

*Pastor speaks the words of institution*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: *Amen.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.***

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper or a blessing from the Pastor may remain standing.*

**THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING** | *please stand*

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***Lord, now You let your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.***

P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C: *And His mercy endures forever.***

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: *Amen.***

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + Give you peace.

**C: *Amen. Amen. Amen.***

## **CLOSING HYMN**

On What Has Now Been Sown | 322

***1. On what has now been sown Your blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is yours alone To make it spring and grow,  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise And you alone shall have the praise!***

***2. To you our wants are known; From you are all our pow'rs.  
Accept what is your own And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive And to your Word a blessing give.***

***3. Oh, grant that each of us Now met before you here  
May meet together thus When you and yours appear  
And follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ON MY HEART TIME | *weekly home devotion guide***

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Weekly Review	Catechism	The Table of Duties: Parents/Children
Bible Readings	Old Testament	1 Kings 3:5-12
	Epistle	1 Timothy 6:17-21
	Gospel	Matthew 13:44-52
Prayer and Praise	Hymn	Jesus, Priceless Treasure
	Psalm	Psalm 18

### **GROWING IN GRACE | *weekly schedule***




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Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Tuesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
	7 p.m.	Midweek Service
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours

*If office hours don't work, contact Pastor Mayer to make an appointment.*

## **VOTERS' MEETING AND OPEN FORUM - TODAY**

There will be a voters' meeting following church today to discuss fundraising options to reduce our mortgage and to approve the budget.