

REDEEMING GRACE

Lutheran Church



On This Rock

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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.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Lutheran Worship focuses on God's service to His people. Today our Triune God visits each of us personally through His holy Word and Sacraments to give us forgiveness, life, and salvation! "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

SERVING TODAY | *Our special thanks for your service*

Organist	Jonnica Mayer
Ushers	Dave Blythe, Ken Camp, Korey Klatt, Ron Menough
Camera	Kevin LaBeau
Flowers	By Bette Craig in memory of her husband, Darwin
F.A.S.T.	Gamma <i>Delta next week</i>

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP | *See pages 10-11 in the Hymnal*

PREPARATION

Jesus Christ gave His church the keys when He said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:23



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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 234

***1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!***

***3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you.***

***4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.***

SERVICE OF THE WORD | *please stand*

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P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all of your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above | 236

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

***1. All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills-
To God all praise and glory!***

***2. I cried to him in time of need; Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with me-
To God all praise and glory!***

P: Let us pray: O almighty, everlasting God, you have joined together all believers into one spiritual temple in Christ. Look with favor on this church, which we have built to be a dwelling place for your glorious name and a house of prayer for your people. Accept it, O Lord, and bless our coming in and our going out from this time forth even forevermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us through His Holy Word. "The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up." 1 Samuel 2:6



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 122

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." ²Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. ⁴That is where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. ⁵There the thrones for judgment stand, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. ⁷May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." ⁸For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

VERSE OF THE DAY | *sung together*

John 20:31

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

***1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows, And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!***

***2. O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.***

***3. Help us to serve you evermore With hearts both pure and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.***

SERMON | *United Through Jesus*

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's

household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

APOSTLES' CREED | *please stand*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH | *please stand*

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P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special intercessions

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayers

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

P: Together we join in the prayer You taught us to pray:

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.

HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone | **528**

***1. Christ is our cornerstone; On him alone we build.
With his true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On his great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.***

***2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring!
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.***

P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.*

PARTING VERSE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | **234**

5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen Sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON MY HEART TIME | *weekly home devotion guide*

Weekly Review	Catechism	The Fifth Petition
Bible Readings	Old Testament	1 Kings22:10-28
	Epistle	2 Peter 1:20-2:3
	Gospel	Matthew 7:15-29
Prayer and Praise	Hymn	We Have a Sure Prophetic Word
	Psalm	Psalm 119c

GROWING IN GRACE | *weekly schedule*

Monday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
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Wednesday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours
Thursday	1-5 p.m.	Pastor's office hours

If office hours don't work for you, contact Pastor Mayer to make a special appointment.

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY

There will be a voters' meeting today between the services.