



THE REST OF THE STORY: *Loving God & Serving Others*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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As We Gather

God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. In the formal worship sequence observed in structured Christian communities such as monasteries, a noontime service called Sext, named for noon—the sixth hour of the day, provided a midpoint for a day filled with devotion. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: “My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long” (Psalm 35:28).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Rejoice In the Lord Always (Philippians 4:4)

Evelyn Tarner

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I'm Gonna Sing

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

We pray. . . O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9 "God Will Swallow Up Death Forever" David Wilson

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-13 "Exhortation, Encouragement, Prayer" Grace Perry

Please stand.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14 "The Parable of the Wedding Feast" Pastor Marty

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Grace Havens

(Kindergarten – 6th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)

SONG OF THE DAY

We Will Dance

David Ruis

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MESSAGE

"The Key is Christ"
Philippians 4:8-9

Pastor Marty Tyler

Sermon Notes

Main Point:

Focus Scripture

God's Perspective

Our Perspective

How do the two perspectives help us share God's Good News?

Application:

What Does This Mean for Me?

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

The Heart Of Worship

Matt Redman

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3) then return to their places and remain standing.

REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and have wrestled with many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to His throne in repentant humility and faith, and in confidence ask for forgiveness.

In silent prayer, we bring our sins to the foot of the cross.

Loving and merciful God,

We confess our sinfulness in lacking love. We have not loved one another as You have loved us. We need Your help to follow a new way. Give us faith to know we are surrounded by love beyond what we can imagine. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake, and strengthen us to follow in the way He walked for us.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His one and only Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ Jesus 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.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

OPENING RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and proper that . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of Sa -bā - oth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!**

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

Amen.

Please be seated.

MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me
through this Holy Supper.
I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

Feed Us Now

Robin Mann

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

I Will Come to You

Gerrit Gustafson

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING TO DEPART

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

SENDING SONG

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Terry K Dittmer

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.*

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