



*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about “**Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.**” If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

Today in Worship

- Many of the words that we use on a regular basis in our worship have a rich and meaningful history that is often not well known. The word blessed or blessing used in the liturgy and hymns of the church is derived from the Old English word *bloedsian*, “to make something sacred.” This word, traced further back to an ancient Germanic dialect, originally meant “to make sacred in marking with blood.” We are blessed though the blood of Jesus to be the children of God!



Ringing of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #904
“Blessed Jesus At Your Word”*

Invocation & Sentences

Ps. 89:1-2, 5, 8, 52; Is. 2:5b

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

C Amen.

P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

C **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

P For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”

C **Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

P O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O LORD, with Your faithfulness all around You?

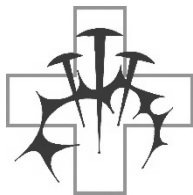
C **Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen. Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

Confession & Absolution

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

C **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have often been heedless of our calling to follow in Your ways. Because of our sins and our sinfulness, we deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. Gracious God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

C Amen.

Psalm 15



P O Lord, who shall sojourn | in your tent? *

C Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?

P He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right *

C and speaks truth | in his heart;

P who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his | neighbor, *

C nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;

P in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who | fear the Lord; *

C who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;

P who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the | innocent. *

C He who does these things shall nev- | er be moved.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

“God’s people are to come before Him in humility.”

L The Old Testament Reading for the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany is from Micah, chapter six.

¹ Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

"Christ is the wisdom and the power of God."

L The Epistle Reading is from 1st Corinthians, chapter one.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰
And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us
wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and
redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts,
boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Matthew 5:3

P Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

“Jesus teaches about blessed living”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he
sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for
they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of
God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed *8:00am service*

The Apostles Creed *10:30am service*

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book #842
“Son of God, Eternal Savior”*

Sermon

Offering

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified”

– 1 Corinthians 1:22-23a

We encourage you to place your offering in the drop box in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by.

Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

G Amen.

(10:30 a.m. Services continue page 11 of the Worship Folder.)

Service of the Sacrament

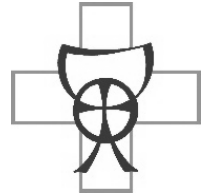
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...
... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus <i>"Holy, Holy, Holy"</i>	LSB p. 208
Lord's Prayer <i>Spoken</i>	LSB p. 209
The Words of our Lord <i>Spoken</i>	LSB p. 209
Pax Domini <i>"The Peace of Our Lord"</i>	LSB p. 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *“Lamb of God”*

LSB p. 210

Distribution Hymns

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB # 412

“O God of God, O Light of Light”

LSB # 810

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

LSB # 683

Nunc Dimittis *“Song of Simeon”*

LSB p. 211

Thanksgiving

P For the joy of Your promise to Adam and Eve to send a Savior,

C we thank You, Lord.

P For the joy of all the witnesses who came to hear Jesus teach and be healed of their diseases,

C we thank You, Lord.

P For the joy of Jesus who proclaimed and demonstrated the coming Kingdom, and who suffered, died, rose, and ascended,

C we thank You. We praise You. We adore You, Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Greeting of Peace & Announcements

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #932

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service

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10:30 a.m. Service

The Lord's Prayer

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