



GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Glorifying God ▪ Growing in Grace ▪ Going with the Word to the World



The Christian Life in Readings & Hymns

October 3 and 4, 2021



Welcome to worship!

God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you're from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. By his perfect life and innocent death, he saved everyone from the ravages of sin and victoriously rose again to give eternal life to all. Jesus makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance.

Whether you're a long-time Christian or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share the message of God's grace with you. Please come back and worship with us again!

- We ask all worshipers to help us be a friendly church by completing the Friendship Register, a small black book found in the hymnal rack.
- To learn more about Grace Church visit gracedowntown.org.
- A staffed nursery for infants and children is available from 8:45-10:15 a.m. The nursery is equipped with chairs and changing tables; parents may also calm a small child in the quiet room, adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located in the gathering area north of the main church lobby.

Connect with Grace

If you would like to know more about Grace, have a prayer request, or would like to speak with one of our pastors, please complete a Connect Card, found in the pew rack. Drop the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher, and we will be happy to contact you.

Or get in touch electronically by scanning the QR code.



The Christian Life in Readings & Hymns

A Hymn Festival Introducing *Christian Worship: Hymnal*

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The Christian life is one of forgiveness and hope, trust and devotion, praise and proclamation. By Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are made right with God. With Jesus as Savior and guide, we are free to live in his grace, joyfully serving him and others. Our worship today explores aspects of the Christian life through Scripture readings and hymns.

In every generation, God gives to some the gifts of penning poetry, of crafting melody and harmony, so that the true and unchanging Word may be proclaimed in new ways within the Church and to all people. Today we introduce the new *Christian Worship: Hymnal* at Grace Church. We give thanks to God for the work of our church body's hymnal project and celebrate its completion in our singing.

Preservice Music

**Partita: Open, Lovely Doors
Earth and All Stars
Voices Raise to You We Offer**
Jacob Weber

Hymn

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
Christian Worship 628
Setting by Marty Haugen

The choir sings stanza 3.

Holy Baptism (10:30)

Christian Worship, p. 151

Stand

Dialogue

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!

O Father Most Holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,

that all we do might be done at your bidding,

filled with your grace,

directed by your wisdom,

informed by your truth,

accomplished to your glory.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!

O Father Most Gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones, that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service

of praise and thanksgiving,
of lives lived in your love,
of proclaiming your words and work,
of sharing your gifts to us.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!

O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace, that we may be witnesses of your truth,
the reflection of your glory,
the ambassadors of your kingdom.

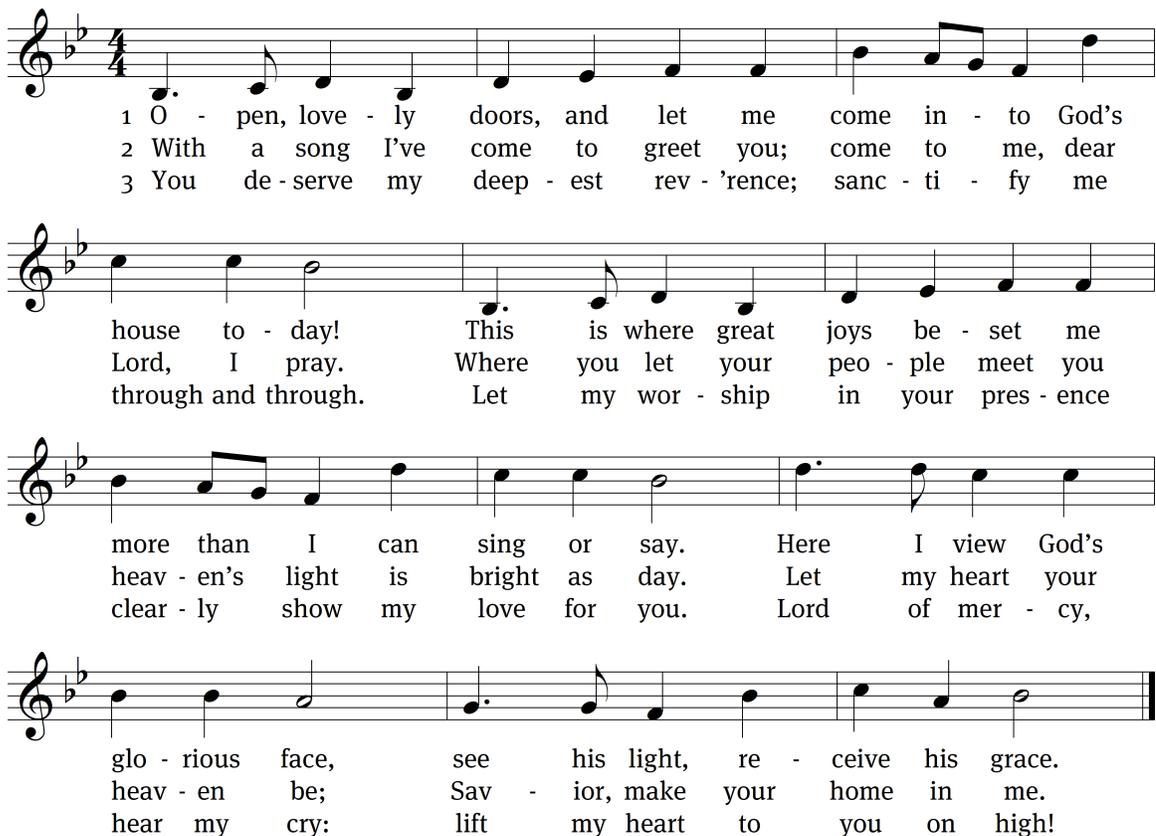
The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!

To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

Alleluia! Amen!

Song of Praise

Open, Lovely Doors
Christian Worship 912



1 O - pen, love - ly doors, and let me come in - to God's
2 With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me

house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me
Lord, I pray. Where you let your peo - ple meet you
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence

more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's
heav - en's light is bright as day. Let my heart your
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,

glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.
heav - en be; Sav - ior, make your home in me.
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

Be seated following the hymn.

The Christian Life in Readings & Hymns

Reading

Galatians 3:26-29

New life begins in baptism.

²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

After each Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

Christian Worship 686

The choir sings stanza 3.

Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Christian life is anchored in God's Word.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Hymn

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship 633

Reading

Matthew 6:5-13

Christian life calls on God in prayer.

⁵“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”

Hymn

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

Christian Worship 725

Reading

Mark 14:22-26

Christian life is strengthened by the Word and sacraments.

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵“Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Hymn

Draw Near

Christian Worship 662

*The choir sings the refrain; all repeat and sing it again following each verse of the hymn.
The congregation may sing the verses of the hymn as they feel comfortable.*

Reading

2 Chronicles 20:1, 14-20

Christian life relies on the strength of the Almighty God.

¹After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

¹⁴Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

¹⁵He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.' ¹⁶Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'"

¹⁸Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. ¹⁹Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

²⁰Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."

Hymn

Order My Life, Lord, As You Will

Christian Worship 701

Reading

Psalm 100

Christian life is joyful in worship and praise.

¹Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn

Ten Thousand Reasons

Christian Worship 607

*The choir sings the refrain; all repeat and sing it again following each verse of the hymn.
The congregation may sing the verses of the hymn as they feel comfortable.*

Stand

Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Christian life proclaims the message of salvation.

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

^{10:1} Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

Hymn

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

Christian Worship 741

Be seated following the hymn.

Offering

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Jacob Weber

During this time the members of Grace Church express their thanksgiving to our Savior through the giving of their offerings. Offerings may also be given electronically via gracedowntown.org.

Guests and members are encouraged to sign the Friendship Register, a small black book located near the hymnals, and pass it to those seated nearby.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

We adore you, Father in heaven, because you created all things for the good of your people. To this day you govern and guide the universe with divine precision and gracious love.

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all.

We worship you, Lord Jesus, because you bore our sins in your body on the cross and rose again in victory over death and the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

We praise you, Spirit of God, because you live in us and guide us into all the truth; you counsel and comfort us with the words and promises of Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For all your blessings which provide our daily needs, preserve our bodies and minds, and impart the joys of life:

We thank you, Father.

For your perfect life and innocent death which freed us from sin, guilt, and death and gained us a place at your side in heaven:

We thank you, Lord Jesus.

For calling us by the gospel and enlightening us with your gifts, for prompting our love and keeping us in faith:

We thank you, Spirit of God.

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to 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.

Show us your ways, Lord, and teach us your paths.

Let your Word be proclaimed freely so that all people may hear and believe. Strengthen those who endure scorn, ridicule, and persecution for their witness to the truth.

Turn the hearts of those in darkness to the light of your love.

Move us to respect those who lead our government and support those who protect us from crime and aggression.

Help us accept our civic rulers as your representatives.

Spare us from disasters that come with bad weather, accidents, and financial setbacks. Guard and guide our lives each day and hour.

Move us to help others when they experience calamities.

Bring healing to those enduring physical and emotional pain, comfort those who have been abandoned by someone they love, encourage the aging in their weakness, and sustain all who are approaching death.

Show them the loving face of your Son.

Remember in your mercy the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and the homeless, the prisoners and captives, and all who suffer despite their best efforts or because of their own sins.

Turn our hearts toward them and not away from them.

Strengthen those who are fighting temptations and struggling with addictions. Cheer those who are lonely and feel forgotten, who are oppressed with sadness even as others rejoice.

Help them to find peace in you.

Keep in our memory the lives and love of those who nurtured and protected us in the past. Help us imitate their faith and good deeds.

Reunite us with them when your Son returns in glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow, concluding with the final petition.

Keep in your care all those for whom we pray.

Help them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden
Christian Worship 889
Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

Be seated following the hymn.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Paul Manz

Serving at Worship

Presiding MinisterPastor James R. Huebner
Organist Philip Berger
Choir The Grace Choir
Kevin Becker, director
Instrumentalists Rachel LaMantia, flute
Jonathan Taglienti, guitar and bass
Greg Collyard, trumpet
Carolyn Sachs, trumpet
Abel Backus, horn
Jake Zietlow, trombone
Daniel Hafenstein, timpani

Worship Next Week

The Nature of Christian Love: Secret greed destroys selfless love.

God gives us wealth so we can show our love for others when they need our help. But greed—love for money and love for self—stands in the way of love. If we are going to love, the Lord must expose our greed and lead us back to his love.

2 Kings 5:14-27 - God's prophet uncovered his servant's greed, and disastrous results followed.

Hebrews 4:12-13 - The word of God always reveals the reality of sin.

Mark 10:17-27 - Jesus identified greed as the cause of a young man's unbelief.

Worship Notes

Holy Baptism

Avery Lynn and Emery Margaret Raasch, twin daughters of Kevin and Angela (née Blasezyk) Raasch, receive the washing of rebirth in Holy Baptism at the 10:30 service. May God strengthen them to live in their baptismal grace all the days of their lives.

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given by Levi and Kelley Wolff for their 5th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving to God for the birth of their daughter, Sofia.

Ushers

Jacob Straseske and Pete Barta, lead ushers

7:45 - Christopher Dostal, Gerald Rieder, Art Gemer

9:00 - Joe Gruszka, Paul Schlecht, Micah Koschnitzke

10:30 - David Schwengel, Paul Beck, Corey Laab, Kyler Johnson

6:30 - Jerod Schroeder, Nick Wilson

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Worship Times

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