

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2023—8:30am**



Grace Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"Graves Into Gardens" arr. Morgan Hatfield

+ Confession and Forgiveness

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

(And,) O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Yeah.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.,
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down,
lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. John Wertz, Jr.

+ Song of the Day

“Graves Into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Refrain: Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all,
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can

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+ Apostles Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “Lord, Be Glorified”

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church:
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, we live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name. Jesus the only one who could ever save. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, we live for You, we live for You.

Refrain: Holy there is no one like You, there is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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