

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear what the Lord requires of members in the family of God:

All: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

Leader: Hear what Jesus taught about participation in the kingdom of God:

All: love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Let us be true to our calling to follow Jesus. May this time of worship be sacred as we humble ourselves in God's presence and begin by proclaiming our shared mission:

All: "We believe we are forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection. As people of God, through love, we are God's hands. We are called to invite and welcome everyone into the fellowship of believers. We worship together, teach His word, pray for, encourage and uplift each other. We witness to His love and forgiveness to our congregation, community and world." (Written by members from Grace Lutheran)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, we live such cluttered lives. Society overwhelms us with messages that we need and deserve and find status in more stuff.

All: We do not realize that to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly doesn't require us to own one material thing. Forgive us. Help us turn from our destructive patterns of accumulation and seek first your kingdom and righteousness. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Take courage: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and hope is renewed! Thanks Be to God!

OPENING HYMN

"We Are Called"

ELW 720

KYRIE/PRAYER OF THE DAY

"O God, We Call"

Spoken Words – Cantor – ALL [4x]

O God, we call (2x)

From deep inside we yearn (3x)

For you

Leader: Holy God, you surprise the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart.

All: Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

THE READING RESPONSE

"Thanks Be to God!" (After each reading)

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 15

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

KID TALK

"The Surprise Sermon"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain **standing** for The Gospel)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

(Pew Bible p. 3 – New Testament)

GOSPEL RESPONSES

"Glory to You, O Lord" (After The Gospel is announced)

"Praise to You, O Christ" (After The Gospel is read)

SERMON

"Jesus Teaches Something Different"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blest Are They"

ELW 728

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

(Council Members are invited to come forward and face the congregation.)

Leader: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect God in whose name we gather. You are to work together and be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this faith

community. Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council: Yes, by the help of God.

Leader: People of God, will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Congregation: Yes, by the help of God.

Leader: I now declare you installed as Council Members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

All: Amen.

(Council Members return to their seats.)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregational response after each petition of "Lord, in your mercy:" **"Hear our prayer."**)

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"If we belong to Christ, it's logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him."

~Anonymous~

Music Video – "Fighting for You" (Tenth Avenue North)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW 182

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for your faithfulness. We are so grateful that we can always count on you.

All: Out of your abundance and great mercy, you have given us so much. And so, we give you this Offering today. With it, we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Take it now and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence, we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Special Music played during Communion)*

****Our youth receiving First Communion and their families are invited to the Lord's Table first.**

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Leader: May the God of Love who shared his love strengthen us in our love for others.

All: May the Son who shared his life grant us grace that we might share our life.

Leader: And may the Holy Spirit indwelling us empower us to be **only** and **always** for others.


All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another!

All: Thanks Be to God!

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! Your presence adds joy to our gathering and enthusiasm to our worship. May God's presence be real to us all. As we celebrate Holy Communion this morning, we invite all baptized Christians who seek forgiveness and who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament to join us at the altar. *** If you want Pastor Don to come to you with Communion, please let an usher know.***



**FIRST
Communion**

Today, five of our Pre-Confirmation students are communing for the first time. We ask that you would allow them to commune with their families first this morning in honor of their special day.

Thank you to the FROGs for assisting with Communion and fellowship this morning! They will be serving coffee and cake in honor of those receiving their First Communion after worship. Please stay and join them!

This Week at GRACE

Today: 10:00 am: Sunday School
Wed: 4:00 pm: Pre-Confirmation
5:00 pm: Confirmation
6:30 pm: Worship (Holy Communion)
7:00 pm: Luther League
7:00 pm: Choir
Sun: 9:00 am: Worship
10:00 am: Sunday School

Attendance 1/26/2020: 105

This week's offering total was \$4,372.00. This includes Sunday's and Wednesday's offerings, and direct EFT through First Savings Bank. We exceeded our weekly offering goal of \$2,900 which helps to ensure that all of our bills and salaries are paid timely!!

Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: Tami & Braelyn Berens, reader Lori Jones, Communion Assistants Olivia Anderson & Alec Kuchta, greeters Ron & Carol Viet, and A/V assistant Anna Reiffenberger.

Announcements:



The February newsletter is in your mailbox. Please take your copy home with you today. Extra copies of the newsletter can be found on the shelf in the narthex.

*Please note Grace Lutheran's new front door lock schedule:
The main doors of the church will now be open every day from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.
The west and south doors will remain on their existing schedule:
Locked every day except Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.*

Updates are being made to our military section of the bulletin board. Current and past members of the military and their photos are requested so the bulletin board can be updated. Please submit to the church office. Thank you!



New Member



The Wieman Family

Grace Lutheran Church welcomes the Wieman family: Ryan, Kirsten, Landon, and Caleb.

Ryan is a graduate of SDSU and works with his family in their family business at Wieman Land and Auction located in Marion, SD. He enjoys golfing, youth sports, and spending time with his family.

Kirsten is a graduate of USD and began her 20th year teaching this school year. She teaches 7th and 8th grade math, high school geometry and is a junior high boys' basketball coach in Parker. In her free time, she enjoys watching her children participate in a variety of activities.

Landon is a 6th grader in the Parker School District. He loves all things sports especially football, basketball, and baseball.

Caleb is a 4th grader in the Parker School District. Like his brother, he enjoys all things sports and playing video games.



My name is Rachel Becker and I am a Sophomore at Parker High School. This year for my National Honor Society Induction Project, I am collecting supplies for Food to You Hygiene Packs. When you donate bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant, they will be put into Hygiene Packs and will be given to families that need them the most at the Mobile Food Bank Program, Food To You in Sioux Falls. There will be a box labeled in the Narthex for donations, and will be taken till the end of January. Thank You for your help with collecting items for my project!