

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For people in darkness,

All: Christ is the light.

Leader: For people in despair,

All: Christ is the hope.

Leader: For people grieving,

All: Christ is a comfort.

Leader: For people burdened,

All: Christ is there to share the load.

Leader: For people anxious,

All: Christ is calm assurance.

Leader: For all people gathered here,

All: Christ is "for you."

Leader: For all in this place,

All: let our praise arise.

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship 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: Merciful God, you call us to be salt and light and to live as your righteous, holy people.

All: We want to, Lord, but we fall short! We confess that there is good and bad, light and dark within our own hearts.

Leader: We want to do what is right, but our fears and anxieties lead us to self-protection rather than vulnerability, to hoarding rather than freely sharing, to self-righteousness rather than compassion.

All: Forgive us, O God. Restore us by your mercy that having received the gift of your infinite love, we might turn to our neighbor and give your love away. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's forgiveness is freely extended to all who in faith repent. Hear and believe the Good News:

All: Jesus Christ forgives all our sins! Thanks Be to God!

OPENING HYMN

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

Led by a **music video** as a time of peaceful prayer.

A cantor will sing the verses, please join in singing the chorus:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God in Heaven"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.

All: By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

THE READING RESPONSE

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 112:1-9

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Stepping on the Clouds"

Choir

KID TALK

"Salt and Light"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

(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

“You Are Salt, and You Are Light”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW 677

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Together, let us proclaim our shared faith:

All: We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus to reconcile and to make all things new. We trust God, who calls us to be the church; to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead and risen; our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.” ~Anonymous~
Music Video – “God of Brilliant Lights” (Aaron Shust)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Are Called”

ELW 720 (vs. 1 & Refrain)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: In gratitude for the work of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we gladly offer ourselves and our gifts to you, O Lord.

All: We pray that you will transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use, and transform us into people who bless others throughout each day. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Leader: May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

All: May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us and pour upon us blessing and light. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW 661

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! Christ's light shines in our darkness; God's love conquers hate; Spirit-given faith is stronger than fear. So we gather to praise the all-powerful Lord of Life.

This Week at GRACE

Today: 10:00 am: Sunday School
10:00 am: Jr. FROGs
10:00 am: Women's Bible Study
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 (Communion by Intinction)
10:00 am: Sunday School

Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: Tami & Braelyn Berens, reader Marci Leberman, greeters Dustin & Tanya Wickstrom, and A/V assistant Anna Reiffenberger.

Attendance 2/2/2020: 149

This week's offering total was \$3,689.00. 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!!

Announcements:

*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!

Every Wednesday during Lent, supper will once again be served before Worship at Grace. Each week, volunteers from the congregation will put on their “chef's hats” and will plan, prepare, and serve a meal. Lenten Suppers will be served every Wednesday during Lent from 5:30-6:15 pm beginning March 4. If you would like to help serve, please sign up on the bulletin board.

