

Face of Grace
Sunday, August 25, 2024

Prelude

The Greatest Thing

The greatest thing in all my life is loving you,
The greatest thing in all my life is loving you,
I want to love you Lord, I want to love you Lord,
The greatest thing in all my life is loving you.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's forgiveness, let us confess our sin.

**To you, O God, all hearts are open and all desires known. We come to you confessing our failures by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love, that your face of grace might shine on us all.
Amen.**

Beloved people of God: By the power of the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth. Through the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, God gives you new life. By the almighty power of God, you are forgiven all your sins. May the face of God bring you comfort, courage, and peace.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Built on a Rock

Built on a Rock the Church shall stand, even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling.
Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Christ builds a house of living stones, we are his own habitation.
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own; my own know me, you, not the world, my face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

"Face of Grace" Litany

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but soon we will see face to face. *(1 Corinthians 13)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak, and there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." *(Genesis 32)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

In the LORD I take refuge. For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face. *(Psalm 11)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

For we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. God has given us the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 4)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Hymn

God's Face They Will See

Gospel of glory illumines the blind,
Out of the darkness God's light brightly shines.
Image of God come enlighten our heart,
Face of Christ Jesus, God's glory impart.

Grant us, O God, to be pure in our heart,
That we may see you, and never depart.
Face to face always with you we'll remain,
Joy of your presence, forever we'll gain.

Blessing eternal for God's own redeemed,
All of God's children with light on them beam.
As glass reflecting, God's likeness bear we,
Christ's name upon us, Christ's face we will see.

Reading

Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Message

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ in Every Age

The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry,
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Apostles' Creed

(Alternative Version, with credit to several Lutheran congregations in the Twin Cities)

We believe in you, O God,

**Who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time,
quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground,
and by your breath we are given life.**

We believe in you, O God,

**Who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human.
You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death,
and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

We believe in you, O God,

**Who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action,
and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us
to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.**

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, we have received from you more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us by your holy presence and your holy word, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. Help us to see the face of Christ in every person we meet. In your name we pray.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Comforter. *(Numbers 6)*

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Chorus:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around, loaves abound! *(Repeat)*

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *(Chorus)*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Immanuel, everywhere! *(Chorus)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers:

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

Mary Ann Kamann, Dick Stadlander, Pam Fales, Leon Fritzke, Dick Erickson,
Alex Lewandowski, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Branden Searcy whose
memorial service was held at Trinity recently. May God grant you peace and comfort.