

“God’s work. Our hands.”



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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

United with Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. With our family of churches we set aside an annual day of service to celebrate and live out this conviction. After a brief worship service, we will bear God’s creative and redeeming word into the world through our service projects—quilt tying for SACA, packaging diapers for Little Kitchen, picking up trash in the neighborhood, and practicing for community safety with our annual fire drill.



Welcome to worship! We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. ***We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.***

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

✠ When you see this symbol you're invited to stand as you are able.

We love to sing! When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

Children belong in worship! We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

Help love reach beyond these walls. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion (envelopes are on the cart in the Commons).



Join us for fellowship time! All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Stay connected to what's happening at Grace: sign up for our weekly online newsletter, "The Scroll." Find the latest editions and the link to subscribe on our home page at gracenempls.org.

Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

PRELUDE

David Langemo

Dr. David Langemo is the Dean of Operations for Hiawatha Collegiate High School in Minneapolis, a certified interim executive director, a children's book author, and a substitute pianist serving throughout the Twin Cities. He lives in south Minneapolis with his husband Drew and Boston terrier, Mabel. Thank you for sharing your gifts, David!

WELCOME AND GREETING

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

And also with you.

✠ AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On this day when we celebrate our baptismal calling to serve, let us profess our faith in Christ Jesus: rejecting sin and proclaiming the God who sends us forth!

All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus *from Romans 6*
were baptized into his death

**that just as Christ was raised from the dead
by God's glory, so we also might walk in newness of life.**
As those who have been brought from death to life,
offer yourselves to God as instruments of justice.

Do you renounce evil
and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the powers of this world
that corrupt and destroy God's creation? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the ways of sin
that draw you from God's love? **I renounce them.**

As we profess faith, we use the ancient word "Amen!" to say, "This is true!"

Do you believe God created heaven and earth?
**Amen! God created all things good
and made human beings in God's own image,
that we would care for all creation.**

Do you believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior?
**Amen! The Lord came not be served but to serve.
Our Savior healed the sick, fed the hungry,
and identified with outcasts and sinners.
Risen from the grave, Jesus gives us courage
to confront the forces of death and despair.**

Do you believe the Holy Spirit is at work?
**Amen! The Spirit gives many gifts to the body of Christ,
empowers us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and prays within us while we pursue God's will
on earth as in heaven.**

Having made public profession of your faith, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

After making our affirmation let give thanks for the waters of baptism, since God's grace is greater than our intentions.

...We praise you, Source, Guide, and Goal of creation, today, tomorrow, forever. **Amen.**

✠ SPRINKLING HYMN

Take My Life

#583

Sprinkled with water, let us sing with joy that we are sent to serve!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:1-9

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days there was another large crowd with nothing to eat. Jesus called his disciples and told them, "I feel sorry for the crowd because they have been with me for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they won't have enough strength to travel, for some have come a long distance."

His disciples responded, "How can anyone get enough food in this wilderness to satisfy these people?" Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?" They said, "Seven loaves."

Jesus told the crowd to sit on the ground. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke them apart, and gave them to his

disciples to distribute; and they gave the bread to the crowd. They also had a few fish. He said a blessing over them, then gave them to the disciples to hand out also. The people ate until they were full. The disciples collected seven baskets full of leftovers. This was a crowd of about four thousand people!

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#780

Let us pray, trusting our Good Shepherd will guide the world through death's daunting valley to the feast of life.

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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✠ THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

In Jesus Christ, the Word became flesh to give life to the world. Let us give thanks for God's redeeming Word!

#253

He came down that we may have life he
came down that we may have life; he came down that we may
have life; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.
At the birth of time your Word summoned light
and throughout the ages, you proclaim newness of life.

For your wondrous Word, we thank you, O God.
We thank you, O God.

In the fullness of time, your Word became flesh,
feeding the multitudes, eating with sinners and strangers,
and offering his own body to save us.

For your loving Word, we adore you, O God.
We adore you, O God.

Grant us now the gift of your Spirit,
that held, nourished, and led by your Word,
we may live as your children,
bearing your justice and mercy to all our neighbors.

For your powerful Word, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

With the boldness of the children of God, let us pray...

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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

✠ BENEDICTION

based on Philippians 4:7-9

✠ HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands

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✠ SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve.
We will. Thanks be to God!



POSTLUDE & FIRE DRILL

God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.



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to love God,
serve neighbors, and
tell the story of Jesus Christ,
welcoming all.



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beyond these walls.**
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with your phone's
camera app
to give online.

**We're the home of
Little Kitchen Food Shelf,**
a no-boundaries, no-restrictions
food shelf serving all people.

**Little Kitchen
FoodShelf**

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