



January 19, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service



“Tender to His Name”
- Pastor Doug Widger

**ALTAR FLOWERS
GIVEN BY:**

John & Tracey Rukavina,
in honor of
Jen's Birthday



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB #549
vs. 1, 2, 5-7

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
[Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.]

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
[Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.]

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
[Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.]

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.]

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.]

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Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess to God Almighty.

C: Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

P: We have taken your name in vain.

C: We have prayed religious prayers to impress others.
We have uttered your name countless times without reverence or love.
We have listened to others use your name in vain without grieving.

C: Lord forgive us and make us new.

P: Yes, Lord, forgive us and make us new.

C: God does hear our cries for mercy and forgiveness. He in love sent his only son to live the life you couldn't and die the death you wouldn't. May the power of his forgiving and renewing name rest upon you. Share that peace now with one another.

Share Grace

Epistle Reading

Exodus 3:5-16

- 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."
- 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- 7 Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,
- 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

- 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.
- 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
- 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"
- 12 He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."
- 13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"
- 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.' "
- 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.
- 16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt,

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:15-23

- 15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
- 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.
- 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.
- 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.
- 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'
- 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Message Song: Tender to His Name

Father, I stretch my hands to Thee,
There is no other help I know;
If Thou withdraw Thyself from me,
whither shall I go?

Author of faith, to Thee I cry
Lord, lift my weary, longing eyes:
O let me now receive that gift;
My soul without would die!

The worst of sinners would rejoice,
Could they but see Thy wondrous face:
O, let me hear Thy quickening voice,
Taste Thy pardoning grace.

My heart is tender to His Name,
There is no other help I know;
If Thou withdraw Thyself from me,
whither shall I go?

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Points

Offering

What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1: You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2: You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1: Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
(Repeat)

Bridge 2: You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
(Repeat)

Communion

The Lamb

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vs. 1-5

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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'Tis So Sweet

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that He is with me
Will be with me to the end

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
Oh, for grace to trust Him more
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

CHORUS (2x)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
(Repeat)

CHORUS (2x)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

C: Amen.

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you and give you peace.

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COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.



The Explore Grace Seminar will be held on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. in Meeting Room 2. Come and learn more about who we are and what God is doing in our family of faith.



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PRAYER REQUESTS, AND MORE!

~ **Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.** ~

- ♦ The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talk - *Gym*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery*

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
David Swille	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks - *Gym*
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside*

Monday, January 20, 2025

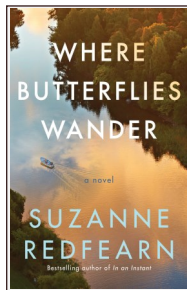
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - church office closed

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *Braille Room: MR1*



Book Club - New date for this month!

Wednesday, January 22nd @ 2:00 PM

Please join us in the library as we will be discussing the book *Where Butterflies Wander* by Suzanne Redfearn, which is a heart-wrenching story about a grieving family and the different ways people cope with grief.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

- 6:30 PM Braille (Thumb Print Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*

Saturday, January 25, 2025

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*

Bible Journaling will meet in person Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. What is Bible Journaling? It is a creative response to God's Word. You don't have to be an artist to participate.



BRING CANNED SOUP TO CHURCH IN JANUARY UNTIL THE SUPER BOWL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Each meeting starts with prayer and a time of devotion followed by a creative activity in response to the Scripture that has been shared. If you are interested, please register for this event on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Suggested supplies: markers, colored pencils, black sharpie, glue stick, scissors, Bible, notebook or art pad.

Bring your own snack and bottle of water.

WHERE PRESCHOOLERS COME TO GROW

AND FAMILIES COME TO CONNECT

CHURCH MEMBERS EARLY ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026 SEMESTER BEGINS JANUARY 29TH



BIBLE JOURNALING

Join us for a morning of learning, art and joy. No experience or artistic talent needed!



Saturday
Feb. 8, 2025

10:00 AM
12:00 AM

In person at Grace Lutheran Church and on Zoom!