



Sundays at Grace

8:30am

Lutheranism 101

(Duke Lutheran Center)

9:30am Fellowship Time

10:10am Worship

11:30am Taste of Grace
(Fellowship Hall)

5:30pm Duke Lutherans
Prayer Service & Dinner
(Duke Lutheran Center)

Connect With Us

www.gracedurham.org

Copies of the week's
announcements are
located in the Narthex.

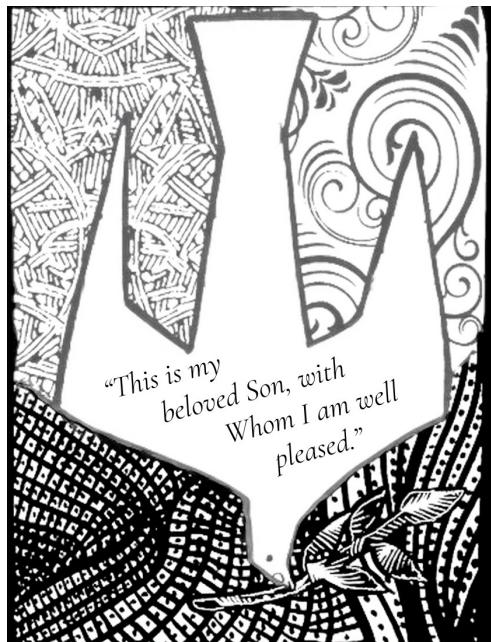
If you'd like to receive our
eNews via email,
please contact
office@gracedurham.org

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Baptism of Our Lord

First Sunday after Epiphany



*We go with Good News, teaching, serving,
and sharing Christ with our neighbors.*

VERSE OF THE DAY:

*"So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

-Romans 6:11

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” -John 10:10

Worshiping with us for the first time?

If you are a first time visitor, welcome! We’re glad you’re here!

We encourage you to review our Statement of Communion on page 16.

*If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with Pastor Brooks
or one of our ushers.*

*Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks
and tell us about yourself, or scan the QR code.*

*If you have any questions, feel free to visit our
Welcome Center in the Narthex.*



We welcome children in worship services.

Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

INSIGHT INTO THE READINGS

The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an “epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God’s people to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations” (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to “fulfill all righteousness” for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that “we will also live with Him” (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and the  Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C Mighty God, we confess to You and one another that we have sinned.
We have chosen the crooked path; we preferred darkness to light;
we uttered curses instead of blessings;
we have broken the promises we made;
our hands and hearts are full of violence.
Let Your light and life be upon us,
and forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

P For this, Christ has come: it is not the will of the Lord that any should die,
but that all may turn to receive from Him both pardon and peace.
As a called and ordained servant of the Word,
I announce God's grace and favor to you,
and by His authority I forgive you all your sins,
in the name of the Father and the  Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN — *Come, Thou Almighty King* (LSB 905)

1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous-ness On us de - scand.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: English, before 1760, alt.
 Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-96
 Text and tune: Public domain

HYMN OF PRAISE — *Holy God* (Gather 2nd Ed. 534)



1. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, Glo - ry most sub -
2. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful, Pow - er with - out
3. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful, Beau - ty un - sur -
4. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and On - ly Wise, Wis - dom of great
5. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and Liv - ing One, Life that nev - er



lime, You come as one a - mong us In - to hu - man
peer, You bend to us in weak - ness, Emp - tied you draw
passed, You are de - spised, re - ject - ed; Scorned you hold us
price, You choose the way of fol - ly: God the cru - ci -
ends, You show your love by dy - ing, Dy - ing for your



time, And we be - hold your glo - ry.
near, And we be - hold your pow - er.
fast, And we be - hold your beau - ty.
fied, Yet we be - hold your wis - dom.
friends, And we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b.1952

Tune: MAGDALENA, 9 5 7 5 7; Marty Haugen, b.1950

© 2002, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reprinted / Streamed with Permission Under One License #A-701734. All Rights Reserved.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:1–9 (pg. 602)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 42nd Chapter of Isaiah.

¹Behold My servant, Whom I uphold,
My chosen, in Whom My soul delights;
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed He will not break,
and a faintly burning wick He will not
quench; He will faithfully bring forth
justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be
discouraged till He has established
justice in the earth; and the coastlands
wait for His law.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, Who created
the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread out the earth and what

comes from it, Who gives breath to the
people on it and spirit to those who walk
in it: ⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in
righteousness; I will take you by the hand
and keep you; I will give you as a covenant
for the people, a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, from the prison those who sit
in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is My
name; My glory I give to no other,
nor My praise to carved idols.

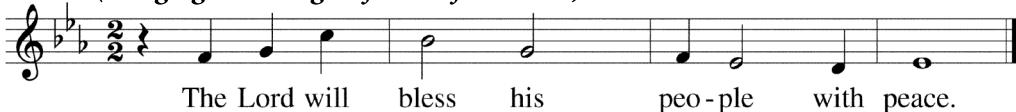
⁹Behold, the former things have come
to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of
them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 – *The Lord Will Bless His People* (Gather 40)

Refrain (*Congregation sings refrain after verses*)



The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Verses

1. O give the Lord, you children of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy.
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters; the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.
3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: “Glory!” the Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

Text: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; © 1963, 1993, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc., agent; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL

Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reprinted / Streamed with Permission Under One License #A-701734. All Rights Reserved.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

The Epistle Lesson is from the 6th Chapter of Romans.

Romans 6:1–11 (Pew Bible, pg. 942)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

⁴We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

⁶We know that our old self was crucified

with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

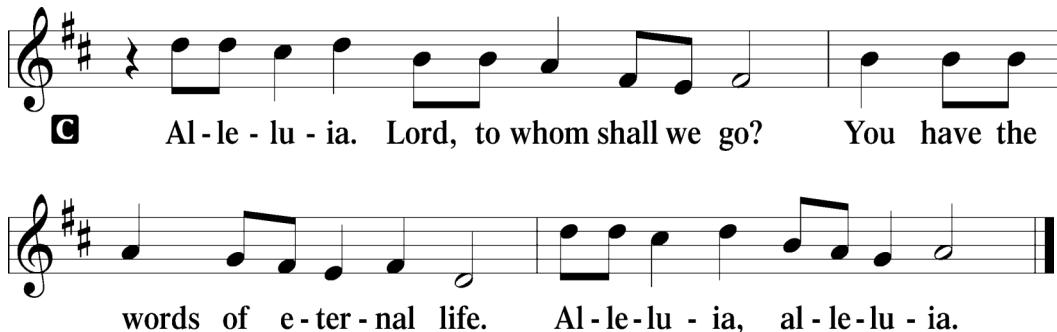
⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

¹⁰For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17 (Pew Bible, pg. 808)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd Chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus

was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

HYMN OF THE DAY — *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* (LSB 405)



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - drous sound Came God's own

heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was

Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 **The Father's word, the Spirit's flight**
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 **Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;**
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, 1949, alt.

Tune: Musicalich Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, 1690, Hamburg, alt.

Text: © 1993 James P. Tiefel. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004227

Tune: Public domain

NICENE CREED (*spoken in unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through Him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation,
 He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living
 and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic † and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds:

P Lord in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude)

P Into Your hands...
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY (*next page*)

OFFERTORY — *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (LSB 955)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and

give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–80, Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010
Text and tune: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004227

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for 'Lift up your hearts.' The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

C And al - so with you.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Musical notation for 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.' The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Musical notation for 'Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

Musical notation for 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

Musical notation for 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.' The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes in common time, starting with a quarter note 'G' and ending with a quarter note 'E'.

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You are the King of glory. You, Who are Light inaccessible, sent Your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the darkness of our lives to be a light among us, the light of Your grace and truth. In obedience, He took on our flesh to live and grow as a son of Adam. Obedient in all things, He taught the truths of Your kingdom, stretching out His hands in suffering that He might free from suffering all those who call on Your name. Obedient even unto death, You freed Him from death and won for Yourself a holy people. For all this, we give You our thanks, O God, as we live in the promise that He will come again to share with us the great feast of Your heavenly kingdom.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

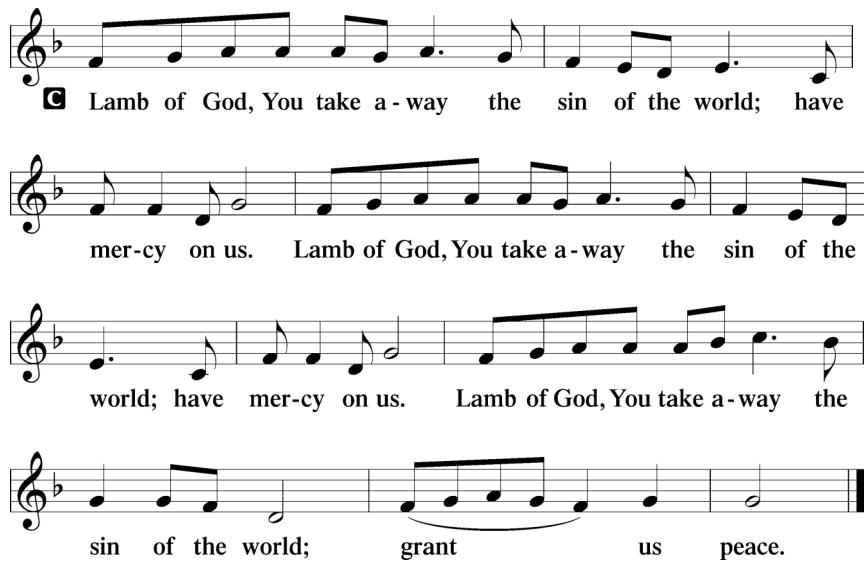
P As we prepare for this great gift, let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16).

We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion. Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *What Wondrous Love Is This* (LSB 543)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven
Text and tune: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Beautiful Savior* (LSB 537)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'r's of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Holy God, by Your grace we have beheld the Lord:
we have touched the bread of life; we have drank from the cup of salvation;
we have tasted Your goodness.
May what we have received this day strengthen us in faith that we may walk
in love for You and for each other, through Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION

P May God make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the [†] Son and the Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN — *Jesus Shall Reign* (LSB 832)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end-less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless-ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris'-ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king-dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scand with

shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793
 Text and tune: Public domain

DISMISSAL

- P** Go forth! Walk in the light of Christ to the glory of God and for the care of the neighbor.
- C** We go in the peace of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Ushers

Walt Crosmer
Tom McGill,
Acolyte

Communion

Assistants
Dean Kolba
Noah Voelker

Altar Guild

Carol Walton

Reader

Judy Ferren

Greeter

Jan Kolba

A/V Operator

John Kolba

GRACE STAFF

Pastor

Rev. David Brooks

Parish Administrator

Kim Romigh

Director of Christian Outreach

Deaconess Anna Voelker

Music Director/Organist

Erin Hodge



Grace Lutheran Church

824 N Buchanan Blvd, Durham, NC 27701

www.gracedurham.org

office@gracedurham.org

919.682.6030

Livestream



Scan the QR code above or
visit

[www.gracedurham.org/
livestream-channel](http://www.gracedurham.org/livestream-channel)

Call In - Audio Only:

309-205-3325, 312-626-6799, 305-224-1968

Meeting ID: 847 8043 7557

Passcode: 9196826030

Giving



Grace Generous Giving

Quick Response (QR) Code, provides a simple and secure method of giving.

Hover over the QR code with your phone camera and it will take you to our giving page to make a donation.