

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are glad you are with us as we kick off a three week series entitled, "Reflections on God's grace." God has blessed each of us in countless ways. We hope this service will challenge you to think of how you might share your blessings, in order to "reflect God's grace" to others. We are glad you are with us today!

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Improvisation on "Forest Green" James

The Welcome/Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection)

L: Most Merciful God...

P: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, 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. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: "As Saints of Old" #695
(see insert for lyrics)

* The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We gather to worship our God, who is the foundation and hope of the world!

People: We give praise and honor to Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

* Today's Responsive Verses:

L: Lord, when we realize Your goodness and Your abundant generosity...

P: We live with thankful hearts.

L: When we realize we have more than we need, despite our desires for more...

P: We give with thankful hearts.

L: When we give out of our abundance to further Your kingdom and help those in need...

P: We see You reflected in others, and we find peace within our hearts.

* The Prayer of the Day:

L: Jesus, our Guiding Light...

P: You continually remind us of what is important. You encourage us to find lives of purpose and value through Your teachings and examples. Help us to live in ways that connect us with others, help us to grow in our faith, and serve You and all people in meaningful ways, as You have called us to do. Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you, always.

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

The First Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-6,16

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:10

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia, Voices Raise" (vs.1) #828

Gospel Acclamation Richard Hillert, b. 1923

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Voic - es raise, sound - ing
2. Now come all be - fore God's face, in this
God Al - might - y's praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
cho - rus take your place.
Hith - er bring in one con - sent heart and
And a - mid the mor - tal throng, be you
voice and in - stru - ment. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
mas - ters of the song.

*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:38

The Message: "Reflections on God's Grace: When Blessings Overflow"
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

*The Hymn: "Almighty Father, Heav'n and Earth"
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Apostles' Creed pg. 105

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day, He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Good and Giving God,

P: Your mercies never end. You provide us with our daily needs and so much more. As our blessings overflow, may they be used to help those in need, to make the world better, and to point to Your life-giving power. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

Offering Music James
Improvisation on "Almighty Father, Heav'n and Earth"

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Lord of Abundant Grace...

P: Hear our prayer

*The Lord's Prayer Layton James
Megan Wagner, Margaret Jane Wray, Obed Floan, Mark Billy

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" #696**
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Sending:

L: As we go, let us think about how our lives might reflect God's grace to others.

P: We pray that our lives will be ones of purpose, value, and service that glorify the Lord!

Postlude: Improvisation on "Galilee" James

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Marlys Anderson, Jason Benson, Pastor Bob Bipes, Jeff Bowers, Debra Brathall, Bill & Jane Dahlin, Teresa Dickman, Paul Engebretson, Sheryl Erickson, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Sharon Haugo, Sam Head, Chuck Hildebrandt, Barb Holt, Joe Kinney, Emily O'Malley-Laursen, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl, Paul Martinson, Ken Meisel, Brent Myser, Donna Offerdahl, Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Betty Seastedt, Sharon & Jon Sippel, Joan Sorensen, Richard Thoemke, Dick Trende, Paul Vandersteen, Dorothy Vietor.

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper, Maija Agee, Tom Hitzke

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Emelia Mae Clark, child of Amanda & Alex Clark and Paislee Jo Potocnik, child of Kailee & Matthew Potocnik.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our Eight Grade Students, as they receive their Adult Study Bible, for their Faith Milestone.

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Organ & Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Reader: Dan Roeglin

Technical Assistants: Bill Jenkinson & Ashley Dorr

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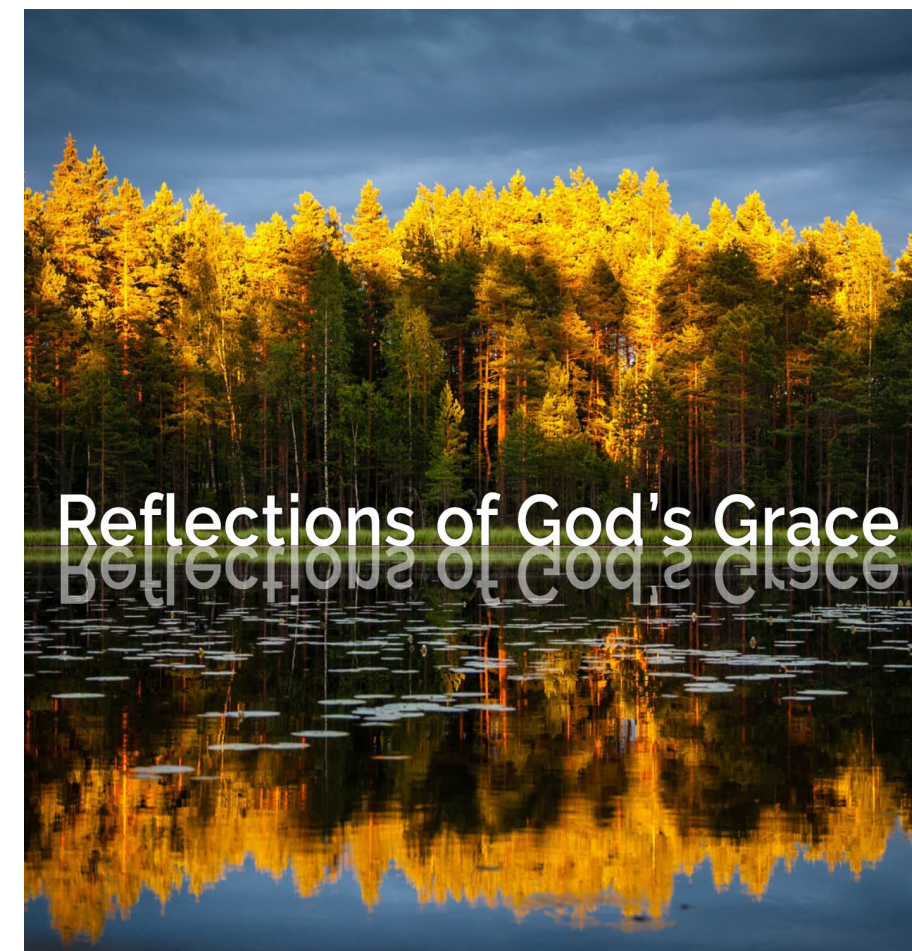
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"Let your life reflect the faith you have in God.
Fear nothing and pray about everything.
Be strong, trust God's Word, and trust the process."

— Germany Kent



"When Blessings Overflow"

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Pastor Kris Kurzejeski, Preacher
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