

Invocation and Opening Verses

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity,

People: Who redeems your life from the pit.

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God,

People: For he is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his
children,

People: So the Lord shows compassion to those
who fear him.

**Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**People: He is the source of all
compassion and comfort.**

Time of Confession

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God,

People: For he is gracious and
merciful.

Time of Silent and Private Confession

Pastor: Merciful Father, we need Your compassion for we have sinned against You.

People: Forgive us for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: We express to You our sincere repentance,

People: And we pray to You for mercy.

Pastor: Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: You have sent Your only Son to die in
our place;

People: forgive us all our sins for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our great Redeemer, in the sacrifice of Your Son You put to death our wretched flesh and in His rising restored our life. Grant that we may always cling to Christ by faith in this life that at the last day we may rejoice to stand in our own flesh and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Statement of Faith

(Based on Luther's Catechism, Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He has done this that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. He has risen from the dead; and He lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 14: 26-31, 66-72

Sermon

Denying Eyes and Broken Promises

Sermon Response

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we bring before you our doubts and apprehension. Shape our thinking according to Your good Word that we might possess a right understanding of Your will.

People: Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Pastor: When we give in to our selfish motives and agendas,

People: Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Pastor: When we fail to live and love as You
desire,

People: Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author
and perfecter of our faith.

Pastor: When we are ashamed of the Good
News of Christ and His amazing love for us,

People: Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author
and perfecter of our faith.

Pastor: Jesus, at the cross we witness the fullest extent of Your sacrificial love. As You care for us, may we also care for others, bearing one another's burdens and with all believers every time and place may we:

People: Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

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

People: Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Send Check to Grace Lutheran or go to visitgrace.org to tithe online.

Prayers

Pastor:

Heavenly Father, Spare Your people during this COVID 19 outbreak.

Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing and strength to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have borne our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood. Keep us in this faith and embolden us in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Additional Prayers

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Blessing