Beginning at Broken

Large Print Bulletin The Season of Advent, One* Grace Lutheran Church 9am Contemporary Worship November 9, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs

"Resurrecting" (Elevation Worship)

"Glorious Day ~ Living He Loved Me" (Casting Crowns)

Greeting & the Advent Wreath

Prayer of the Day & The Sharing of the Peace

WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 8.34 - 38

Reflection

Song

"Redeemer" (Nicole Mullen)

The Creed

Prayers of the People

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Song

New ~ "Holy Forever" (Chris Tomlin)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing & Dismissal

Music as You Depart¹

"Holy Forever" (reprise)

¹You are welcome to remain in the worship space & listen to the music, or you are free to depart the sanctuary as you are moved to do so.

^{*}Please see note on back of this page.

Good morning & Welcome to Grace

Our mission is to invite and welcome all to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.

*Once again this year, Grace is exploring an extended, seven-week Advent season. We're using the appointed texts from the Lectionary each week, but our focus is on the coming of Christ, in the stable, into our everyday lives, and at the end of all things. This is a practice that, while new for us, has gained traction in many mainline Churches over the past ten years. We are excited to invite you – again this year – into the journey with us.

We are glad you are with us for worship today, and we offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

Our normal practice is to offer Holy Communion each week. Today, however, our Pastor is serving in her role as Dean at another congregation in our Conference. Therefore, we will not be offering The Meal this morning.

Please know that we will resume our normal schedule next weekend. Jesus welcomes all people to his Table, and so do we.

If you have questions about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor. Her contact information is in the printed announcements.

Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!



Our reading today comes from the Gospel of Mark.

After Jesus tells his disciples – for the first time – what is to come for him, he addresses the crowd around him, as well, explaining to all of them not only the way of the cross that Jesus will travel, but that they should be ready to take up their cross, as well. And we read:

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.