

Grace Lutheran Church

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February 1, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

Hymn 779 "Amazing Grace"

WORD with the Children

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 697 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Offering "I Saw the Light" (Hank Williams)

Prayer

Confession

We read from the Prophet Isaiah, "Arise, shine, for your Light has come **and the glory of the LORD rises upon [us]**".

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and left undone.

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.

In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God (on the screen)

Absolution & Benediction

Hymn 742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

~ *Jesus, Mathew 5:7*

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Judy Behlke, Pam Mickelson, Dianna Roers

Acolyte: Noah McFarlane

Reader: Judy Behlke

Communion Servers: Judy Behlke, Dianna Roers

Coffee/Fellowship: Tom & Annette Helder

Musician: Annette Helder

Song Leader: Tom Helder

Prayer Requests:

Brad Anderson	Joan Serba	Myron Larson
Charles Esala	Rachel Swiontek	Tom Dingwall
Geri Burros		

From last Sunday: Pray your “Judas” into the lap of Jesus; don’t choose sides – chose Jesus, remembering what He said and did; leave your frustrations, annoyances and disagreements at the cross.

Next Week’s Noisy Offering supports Churches United Fargo/Moorhead. Their mission is to provide safe shelter, stable housing, nutritious food, and a path for healing. They also operate Micah’s Mission, providing emergency shelter. Please help support this amazing organization with our Noisy Offering this month. We’re also collecting supplies needed for Micah’s Mission and their food pantry. A list of their most requested items is on the church bulletin board.

Mark your calendars: Ash Wednesday is February 18. Worship for February 18, 25 and March 4 will be 7 pm at Faith. A light meal will be served at 6 pm. March 11, 18 and 25 will be at Grace.

Snow removal sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. Please sign up to help with a few weeks throughout the winter as you’re able. We now have a snowblower to help with larger snow amounts. Thank You!

Don’t forget! If you’re an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Grace in mind. **Deadline is March 31 to direct dollars for last year.** For more info or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice.” Or online at: thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Dates and Happenings:

Monday, February 2

7 pm	Bible Study - Faith
4-7 pm	Piano Lessons

Tuesday, February 3

10:30 am	Pastor at Evansville Care Campus
1:30 pm	Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

Wednesday, February 4

5:45 pm	Confirmation - Gr. 5-7
6:45 pm	Confirmation - Gr. 8 & 9

Thursday, February 5

9 am	Quilting
9:30 am	Pastor at Prayer and Share - Faith
1 pm	Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living
4-7 pm	Piano Lessons

Sunday, February 8

9 am	Worship
10 am	Sunday School
11 am	Worship - Faith

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus, may mercy be our eyes; humility our ears; justice our guide as we follow You. Amen

Micah 6:8 *The Requirement*

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Amen

Matthew 5:1-12 *Be Blessed!*

Jesus says, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

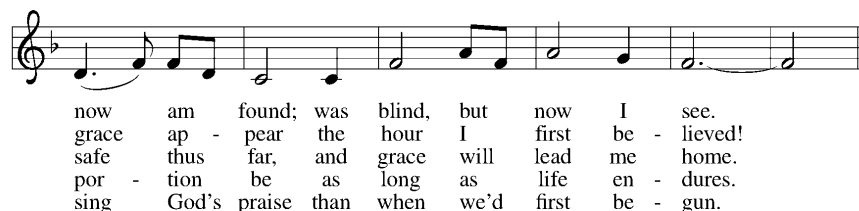
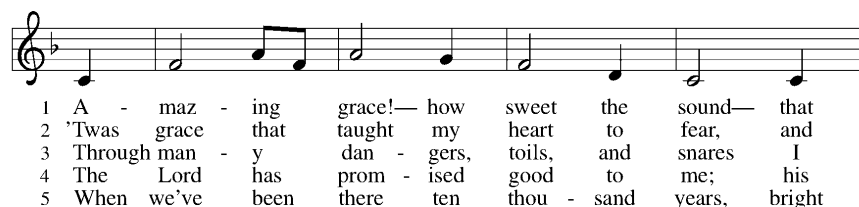
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Amen

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound




Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?

3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



Refrain

I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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I Saw the Light

~ Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

I saw the Light, I saw the Light!
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fear, I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

I saw the Light, I saw the Light!
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

I was a fool to wander and stray
But straight is the Gate; and narrow the Way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

I saw the Light, I saw the Light!
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the Light!

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918