

Morning Prayer

NC SYNOD GATHERING

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O Lord, open our eyes, that we may see your presence among us. **Open our hearts, O God, to behold your glory.**

Open our ears, that we may hear your word calling us. **Open our lives, O Christ, to follow where you lead.**

Come and see the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. **We come to worship, to wonder, and to praise.**

Come and see what God is doing among us. **We come to behold God's love and proclaim God's praise.**

REFRAIN ACS 976 *Come and See*

What are you look - ing for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

PRAYER

We give you thanks, heavenly God, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our lives and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. **Amen.**

PSALM 66:1–5

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

Give to God glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All the earth worships you."

They sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:

awesome are God's deeds among mortals.

Come and see the grace of God revealed.

REFLECTION: MINISTRY STORIES

After each story, the reader will say, "Come and see what God has done." and the congregation will respond, "Come and see the grace of God revealed."

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PRAYERS

Awaken us, O God, to your presence this day. Give us eyes to see your grace in unexpected places, ears to hear your call, and hearts ready to follow. **Come and see, come and see the grace of God.**

For the church, that we may be bold in invitation and generous in welcome: **Come and see the grace of God.**

For the world, that justice may roll down and peace take root: **Come and see the grace of God.**

For those who are weary, searching, or burdened: **Come and see the grace of God.**

For this community, gathered in prayer and sent in love: **Come and see the grace of God.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Go out into the day with open eyes and open hearts. Follow where Christ leads and invite others along the way. **We will go to come and see the grace of God, and we will tell the wonders of God's grace.**

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BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**