



## *Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
July 30, 2023*

*"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant  
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,  
the community, and the world."*

## **Service of Holy Communion**

*(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)*

**Congregational responses are in bold print**

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.*

*We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.*

*Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.*

*As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

**Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements



*We stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*

Blessed be the Father, ✙ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“Gather Us In”*

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# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen  
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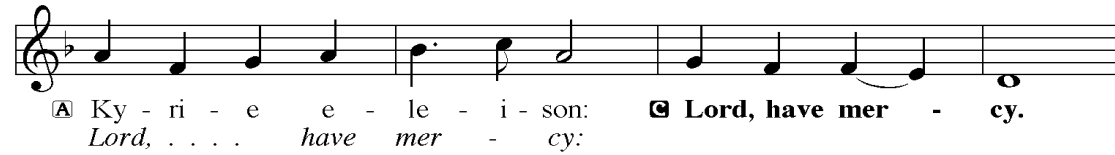
Prelude

Greeting

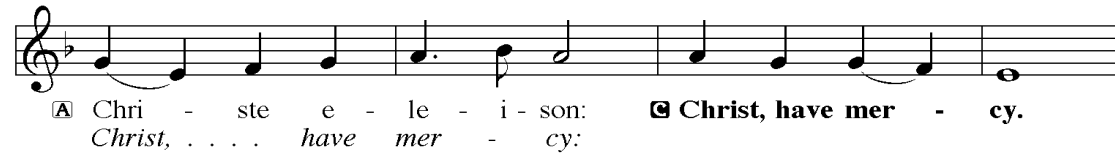
The grace our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Kyrie



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.*



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



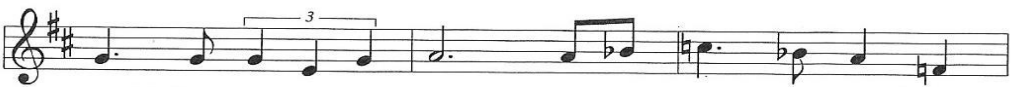
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer*

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*We sit*

**Word**

## **First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12**

A reading from 1 Kings:

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



**Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136**

*We read responsively*

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

<sup>130</sup>**The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your custom toward those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Keep my steps steady according to your promise,  
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

<sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>36</sup>As it is written,  
"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

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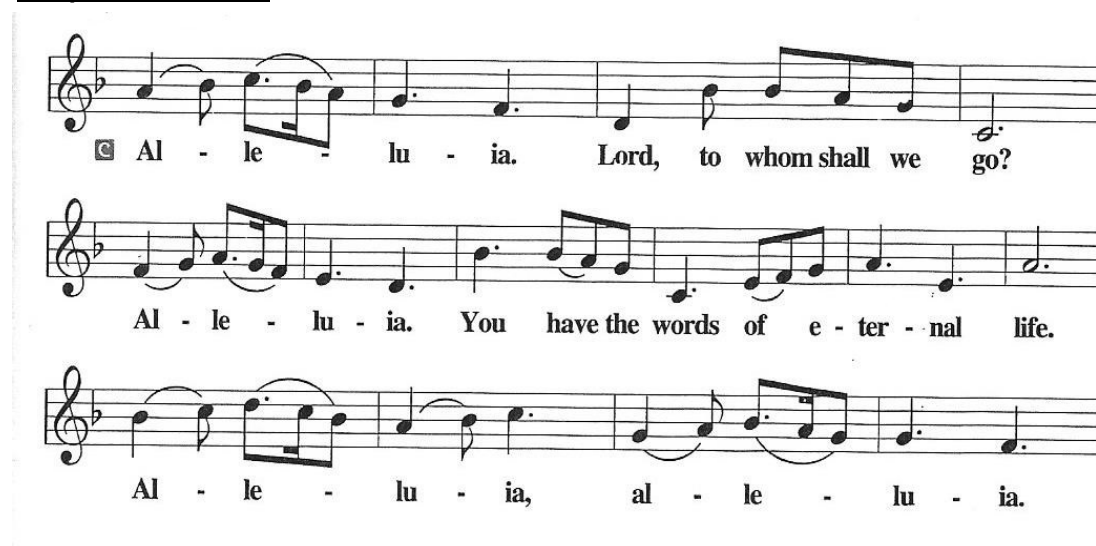
<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

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<sup>44</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon*

*We stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

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## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

### Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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,  
and he will come 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**

### Apostle's Creed in Swahili

**Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,  
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;**

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina**

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

### Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We sit*



**Meal**

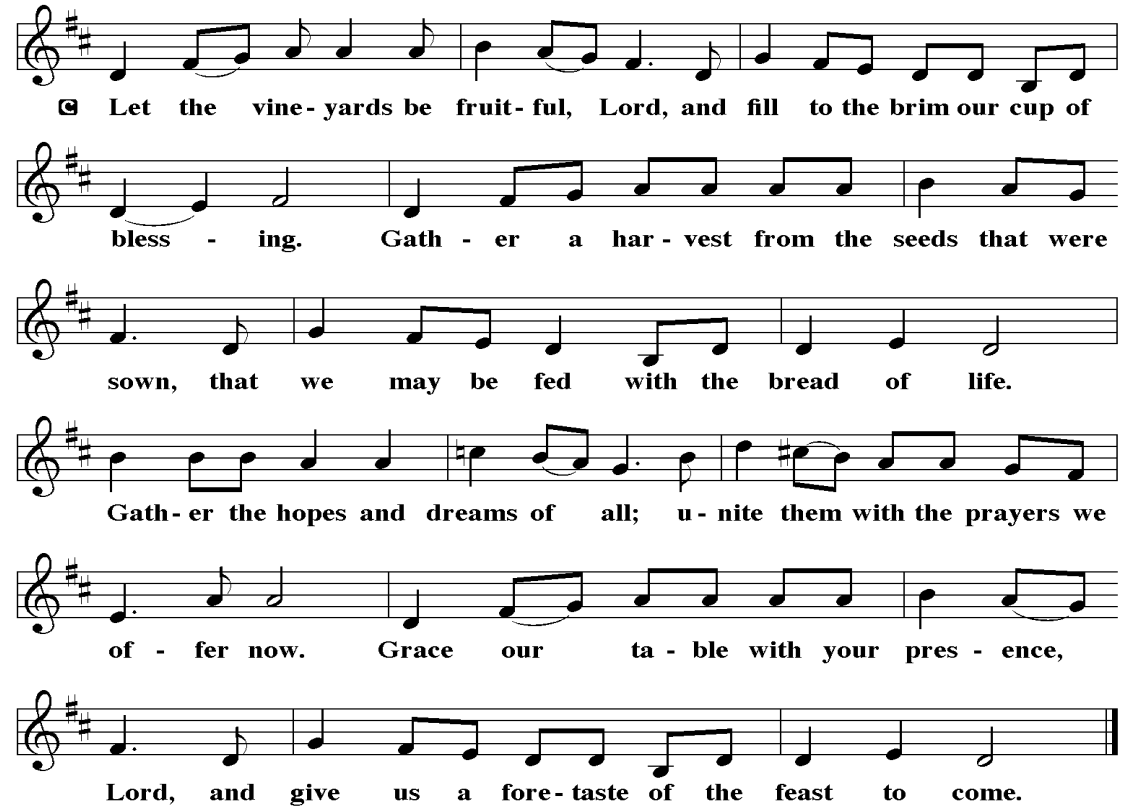
### Offertory

*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)*

*We stand*

Offertory Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

*Sosanna*  
IN THE  
*Highest*

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen**



### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

### Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit*

### The Holy Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### The Holy Communion

***OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)***

***Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.***

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

### **The Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.**

**Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

**Sending**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen**

**Sending Song: "In Thee is Gladness"**

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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## In Thee Is Gladness



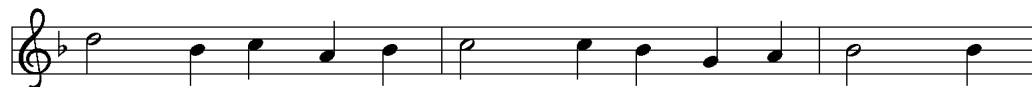
1 In thee is glad-ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
 2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
 death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



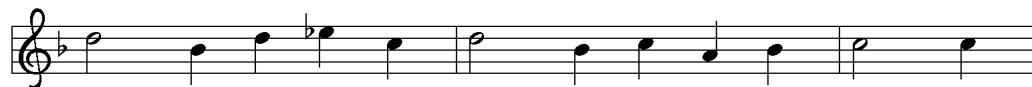
true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
 change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
 glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
 in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

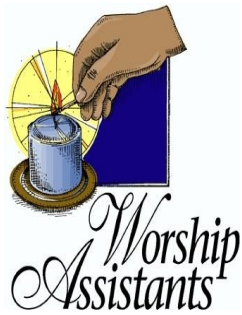


pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
 glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622



### **Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Sandy Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Gloria Nelson
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Tami Radecke
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Linda Meyer
	Gloria Nelson
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Karen Walck
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady
	Vivian Proctor
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jack Eckstrom
	Esme Hilker
	Jim Nelson




*Chancel flowers this morning  
are given to the glory of our Lord  
and in honor of Shannon  
by her sister*

### **Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**August 6, 2023**  
**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel**  
Presiding and Preaching

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21



**Prayer List**

*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.*

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Claire Biggers**

**Robin Crowder**

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Alberta Muir**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

Son-in-Law of Peggy Marks

**Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

Thanks for answered prayers that **Regan Grant**, Friend of the Bumps, has been cured of cancer

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Emily Almarode**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Bill Aldridge**, Friend of the Kites

**Gary Barrette**, Brother of Bob Barrette

**Cathy Cunningham**, Friend of the Lynches

**Mike Cunningham**, Friend of the Lynches

**Natalie Dodge** (2 year old cancer patient), Friend of the Almarodes

**Mike Freed**, Cousin of Marshal Howard, Friend of Almarodes

**Chris Jordan**, Cousin of Mike Myers

**Taunya McDonald**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**James Pingel**, Brother of Pastor Pingel

**Arta Smith**, Friend of the Bumps



**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

Family of Bob Knemoller, Member of Grace

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

Gail Johnson (7/30)

Landon Lynch (8/5)

**The Needs of the World**

Extreme weather conditions around the world; severe temperatures, crippling drought, and extreme rains elsewhere.

**Many areas of war and tension around the world**

"The poor, the widow, the orphan, the alien:" paying attention to the biblical call for us to care for others

**Those in medical professions -  
doctors, nurses, surgeons,  
specialists, CNA's, social  
workers, and support  
personnel - maintenance,  
cleaning staff, kitchen staff.**

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

**Virginia Synod Bishop-Elect  
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton**

**Our Neighbors**

**Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area**



**Called Grace Congregation Meeting TODAY** - This called meeting concerns a Bequest from the Ty Elliott estate. Grace member Tripp Franklin, Managing Partner at the Wharton, Aldhizer & Weaver, PLC Law Firm, will make a presentation to the congregation about the process of our receiving the bequest from the estate, and answer any questions you may have. We are blessed to receive and steward these funds from the Elliott family in order to continue living out God's Mission for us at Grace. Please plan on remaining after worship for this important informational meeting.

## Baptism

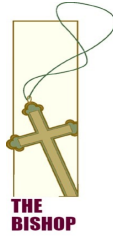
**Baptism Sunday, August 6** — Jackson Chaffin, a 23-year-old who has been visiting with us regularly, will be baptized during worship on Sunday, August 6th! In Holy Baptism *"...by water and the Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the Church, the body of Christ."* (Liturgy of Holy Baptism, ELW, Page 227) We rejoice that the Holy Spirit is gathering Jackson into our life together here at Grace!



**Blessing of the Backpacks** - The week of August 6th, school starts! Please pray for our children and young adults who will be starting elementary, middle or high school, and those who will be starting college classwork sometime in August. For all grade school children, we invite you to bring a Backpack or your Notebooks to worship on **Sunday, August 6th**, where we will "bless the backpacks," and pray for our children's learning this year.



A **secure entry system** has been installed for the Office Entrance Door. Ring the bell located beside the door during office hours; and if someone is available, they will buzz you in. Reminder:  
**Office Hours:** 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday **Closed Friday**



**Bishop's Installation in October!** Bishop-Elect Phyllis Milton's Installation and Reception will be in Waynesboro, VA on Saturday, October 21st, at 1:00 pm; and Grace - as we did with Bishop Humphrey six years ago - will host the reception. We're just starting to plan and detail this out, but there may be an opportunity to help with the reception and transportation. Stay tuned in August and September for more detailed information!



**Christian Education at Grace:** Look for information over the next few Sundays in August about our Fall Christian Education! Adult Sunday School, Confirmation, Children's Classes, Holy Baptism and the Font weekday class...There is much to choose from to grow in Faith through Christian Education at Grace this Fall!



**What's Happening Around Grace?!** The Property Committee's preparation to address a number of issues around Grace is underway!

- Scraping, repairs and repainting outside the church building is well underway! This includes power washing stone and concrete surfaces.
- The A-frame canopy over the side entrance to the worship space has been completed. Try to make it move! It's sturdy and has stopped making creaking sounds!
- A new roof is still ahead of us, but scheduled to happen in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to Fred Biggers, Ron Myers and Rew Walck for their planning and research. If you have questions about the contractors and their work, please let them know.



The “**First Sunday Fellowships**” are in full swing! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up in the Nave for your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed!

Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

**Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:**

- **August 6**                      **Altar Guild**
- **September 10\***              **Hospitality and Grace**
- **October 1**                      **Quilters**

*\*Date change due to Labor Day*



**Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event-** Grace is coordinating a **Rise Against Hunger** food packing event with some area churches. The event will be held on **Saturday September 9** at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. It will start at 10 am and be completed in about two hours. The last event Grace coordinated was pre-Covid and there were over 20,000 meals packed. The event is a fun morning with a variety of processing stations including mixing food, weighing food packages, sealing food packages, packing boxes of bagged food and runners who move items to each station. It is an event that everyone can help with. Grace Mission Outreach Team will be using a grant that we received from the Mission Endowment to help support this event. Watch for sign-up sheets coming in August or you can register online at [www.events.riseagainsthunger.org/Waynesboro2023](http://www.events.riseagainsthunger.org/Waynesboro2023). Our goal for the event is to pack 20,000 to 25,000 meals based on support from area churches. Remember to bring a hat or baseball cap because we are packing food. They do provide hairnets. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



Grace's Congregational Council has approved sponsoring a second mission trip to **CICRIN**, the Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center and School. The dates are February 2-10, 2024 and the tentative price is the same as this year: \$1,995 per person. Those who think they might be interested can speak with Grace members who were part of this year's team: Chuck and Judi Goodrich, Linda Meyer, Pastor Pingel, and trip leaders Mark and Tami Radecke. Anyone wanting to have a FAQ sheet emailed to them can contact Mark Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



**Project Esperanza Fund Drive Update**—We have surpassed our \$6000 goal and have raised enough money to fully sponsor 12 children at \$600 per child, with donations and pledges totaling \$7225. **If you still plan to donate, please be sure all donations are in by August 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Grace members can contribute directly to the Church, noting the money is contributed to support Project Esperanza as a memo.


The mission of Project Esperanza is to form a global community focused on creating positive change and a sustainable future for Haitian refugee and immigrant youths in the Dominican Republic through education and empowerment. For the past 16 years, Project Esperanza has served the Haitian refugee and immigrant population of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic in the areas of education, social aid, and community development. The project runs two schools serving 275 Haitian immigrant children in the DR. More information is available at the project's web site: <https://esperanzameanshope.org/>



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made ***thirty-four*** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,654 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Life of Grace Church  
July 30—August 6, 2023**

Day of the	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	07/30	10:00 a.m.	<b>Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Called Congregational Meeting After Worship</b> (See bulletin note)
Wednesday	08/02	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Thursday	08/03	8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b>
		12:30 p.m.	<b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	08/04		
Saturday	08/05	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/06	10:00 a.m.	<b>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding <b>Baptism</b>
		11:00 a.m.	<b>First Sunday Fellowship—Altar Guild</b>

**Monday**

1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23  
Acts 9:19b-31  
Luke 23:44-56a  
Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97

**Tuesday**

1 Samuel 15:24-35  
Acts 9:32-43  
Luke 23:56b-24:11  
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

**Wednesday**

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Acts 10:1-16  
Luke 24:13-35  
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

**Thursday**

1 Samuel 16:14—17:11  
Acts 10:17-33  
Luke 24:36-53  
Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80

**Friday**

1 Samuel 17:17-30  
Acts 10:34-48  
Mark 1:1-13  
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

**Saturday**

1 Samuel 17:31-49  
Acts 11:1-18  
Mark 1:14-28  
Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118



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