



# GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29, 2021**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We welcome you** in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

**Children's resources**, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

**Nursery care** is provided at the 8:30 worship service for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

**Assistance in Worship:** For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

**Please silence** all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

**In Holy Communion** the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

**Educational opportunities** occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

**Grace Council Statement on Racism:** The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

With disciples throughout time, we so often get caught up in the outward trapping of religion and ritual. With our hearts still marked by sin we often confuse appearance and performance with faithfulness. Jesus reminds us that it is not what is on the outside that defiles us but that which springs forth from within our wayward and wandering hearts. Yet, thanks be to God, it is not from within that we find our salvation or life. This same Jesus who shows up today has become the defiled and abandoned one. He goes down into death itself and then rises again conquering evil and death. In our baptism we are joined to that death and resurrection. There we receive the gifts of faith, forgiveness, and resurrection life that all come from outside of ourselves. Now, transformed in those waters the word and Spirit have been planted inside of us. What gushes forth from our new hearts are streams of love and justice flowing towards our neighbors.

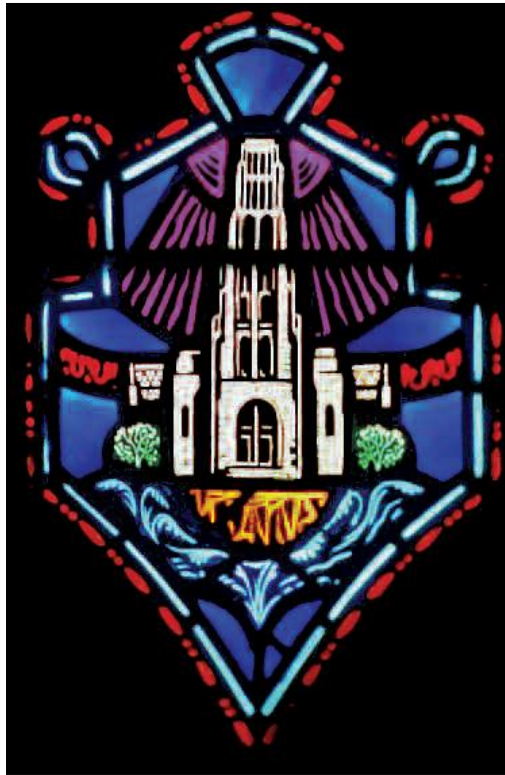


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# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Each Morning 'tis so Fresh and New

Helmut Walcha

*We stand.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us  
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*We face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky

**ACS #922**

1 Now that the day - light fills the sky,  
2 Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife;  
3 "All praise to you, cre - a - tor Lord!

we lift our hearts to God on high,  
from an - ger's din would shield our life;  
All praise to you, e - ter - nal Word!

that God, in all we do or say,  
from e - vil sights would turn our eyes,  
All praise to you, O Spir - it wise!"

would keep us free from harm to - day;  
and close our ears to van - i - ties.  
We sing as day - light fills the skies.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th or 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: LAUREL, Dale Wood, 1934–2003  
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

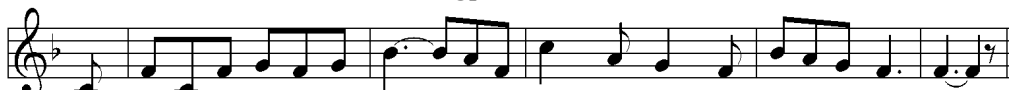
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Salvation Belongs to Our God

*Women sing parts marked ①. Men sing parts marked ②.*

*All sing parts marked ③.*



**③** Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



**①** Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



**③** Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



**②** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



**C** Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God our strength,  
without you we are weak and wayward creatures.  
Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside,  
and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves,  
that we may be preserved through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

- L** Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?\*

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
- C** **Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,\***

**who speaks the truth | from his heart,**
- L** there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;\*

he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.
- C** **In his sight the wicked | is rejected,\***

**but he honors those who | fear the Lord.**
- L** He has sworn to | do no wrong\*

and does not take | back his word.
- C** **He does not give his money in | hope of gain,\***

**nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.**
- L** Whoever | does these things\*

shall never be | overthrown.

## SECOND READING: James 1:17–27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**



*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** James 1:18

Rick Erickson

**L** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**C** **REFRAIN** (*below*)



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

**L** God gave us birth by the word of truth,  
so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation.

**C** **REFRAIN**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus],  
<sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

<sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: From Inside to Outside

Pastor Troy E. Medlin  
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23; James 1:17–27

*We stand*

HYMN OF THE DAY: O God, My Faithful God

(green) LBW #504

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con-science free from blame, a soul un-stained by sin.  
 what-ev-er I have wrought, for you must give suc-cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of-fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir-it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Sonata in D minor, Op. 65, No. 6  
Finale

Felix Mendelssohn

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*We stand and sing the Offertory Hymn.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN: We Plow the Fields and Scatter (Stanza 1)**

**ELW #681**



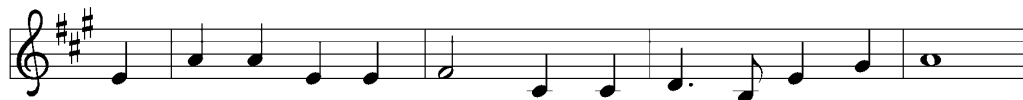
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.  
Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

**P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C 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.

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



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.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle, where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.*

*Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.*





## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

### ANTHEM: You Are Holy

Per Harling  
arr. John Helgen

You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always, ever more  
Than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
To your church in wine and bread,  
Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna to our God!

Per Harling

### HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth

(green) **LBW #561**



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

*We stand.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of those  
whom you have fed with one heavenly food;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

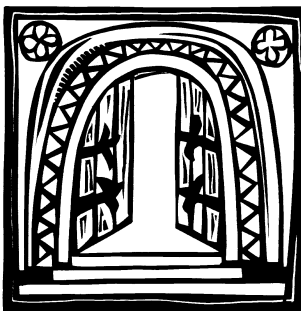
**C** **Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **BENEDICTION**

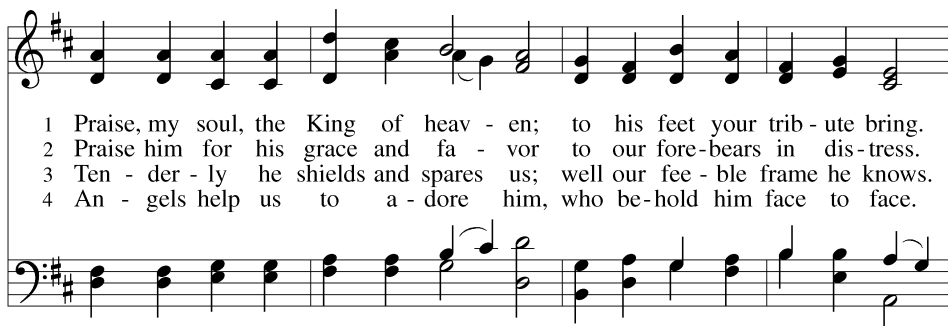
**P** Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

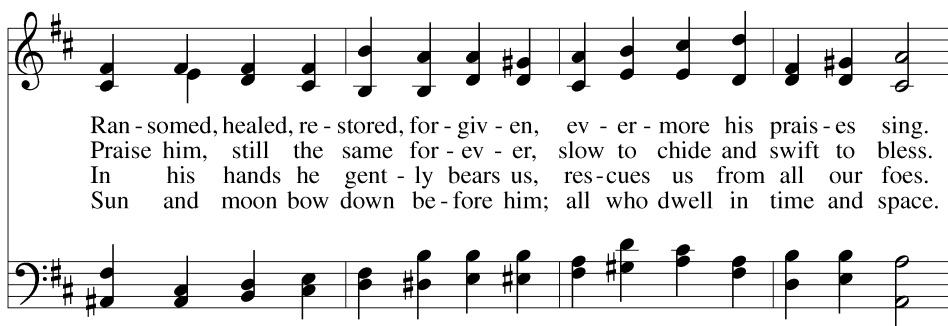


# SENDING HYMN: Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

(green) LBW #549



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
 3 Ten - der - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.  
 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be-hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in D Major, BWV 532b

Johann Sebastian Bach

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister

Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Joseph Johnson, baritone

(8:30) Karen Rohde, lector

(11:00) Gary Howell, lector

(8:30) Donna Serpico and Marilyn Moehlenkamp, altar guild

(11:00) Roberta Gillespie and Gerlinde VanDriesen, altar guild

(8:30) Eunice Eifert, videographer

(8:30) Anne Claud, sound board operator

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# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati	Rosemary Cheatem	Amy Juel	Jennifer Murtoff
Annalise Balock	Louis Elia	Phyllis Kersten	Pat Scala
Cathy Barker	Carl Gruendler	Joan Koerber	Jim Scherer
Jill Baumgaertner	David Gruendler	Jerry Koenig	Rich and Bonnie Stasack
Ed Borg	Don Heimburger	Karen Lemke	Cameron Valencia
Ann Bresnen	Patricia Herendeen	Carolyn Martin	
Larry Caponigri	Bob Jandeska	Karen McMahon	
Felipe Altamirano ( <i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i> )		Maxx Kusper ( <i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i> )	
Pat B. ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )		Beth Luebbe and family ( <i>sister of Jenny Luebbe</i> )	
Javed Bachew ( <i>relative of Susan Franzone</i> )		Joyce and John Lunde ( <i>friends of Susan Messerli</i> )	
Greg Ball ( <i>friend of Irmgard Swanson</i> )		Esther Martz ( <i>friend of Susie Calhoun</i> )	
Vera Leora Barnett ( <i>friend of Paul Eichwedel</i> )		Anne Matthys ( <i>mother of Susan Curran</i> )	
Shari Barnich ( <i>friend of Randy Schnack</i> )		Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell ( <i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i> )	
Sophie Bartell ( <i>granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell</i> )		John Mochlenkamp ( <i>brother of Marilyn Moeblenkamp</i> )	
James Beglin ( <i>cousin of Cathy Schnittker</i> )		Carole Nelson ( <i>mother of Michael Nelson</i> )	
Frances Benson ( <i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i> )		Julie Novak ( <i>daughter of Eunice Spurgat</i> )	
Karen Berglund ( <i>friend of Carol Stanger</i> )		Elaine Pierce ( <i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i> )	
<b>Anne and Wayne Boosey</b> ( <i>cousins of Ann Mason</i> )		Jacob Pletan ( <i>great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt &amp; Gick Schmidt</i> )	
Florence Breed ( <i>cousin of Irmgard Swanson</i> )		Sarah Ponder ( <i>friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys</i> )	
Susan Cahill ( <i>cousin of Randy Schnack</i> )		James Powers ( <i>friend of Al Swanson</i> )	
Jamie Carpenter ( <i>cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher</i> )		Susan Prather ( <i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i> )	
James Cordes ( <i>brother of Bruce Cordes</i> )		Mark Redheffer ( <i>son of Virginia Walker</i> )	
Stella Dillberg ( <i>mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace School student Julia Weaver</i> )		Ronald Riley ( <i>friend of Al Swanson</i> )	
Patti and Neal Enslin ( <i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i> )		Florence Saeger ( <i>friend of Karl and Ruth Reko</i> )	
Seth Flanders ( <i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i> )		Esther Samuelson-Roberts ( <i>granddaughter of Harriet and John Roberts</i> )	
James Flutch ( <i>nephew of Valerie Spiller</i> )		Jennifer Sandahl ( <i>friend of Jennifer Murtoff</i> )	
Benjamin Galiher ( <i>nephew of Paul May</i> )		Mary Lu Shipstad ( <i>friend of Marilyn Heppner</i> )	
Chandramma Gantepalli ( <i>mother of Hena Gantepalli</i> )		Huxley Shoup and family ( <i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i> )	
Luke Gawencka ( <i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i> )		<b>Harrison and Wyatt Simpson</b> ( <i>grandsons of Carrie and David Simpson</i> )	
Mike Guss ( <i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i> )		Nancy Stelling ( <i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i> )	
Jerry Haase ( <i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley &amp; Stewart Clarke</i> )		Lee Stephens ( <i>brother of Tony</i> )	
Jill Hanssen ( <i>niece of Ann Mason</i> )		Jennifer Sylvester ( <i>daughter of Janet Sylvester</i> )	
Harry Heppner ( <i>brother of Ken Heppner</i> )		Martin A. Thieme ( <i>brother of Susan Franzone</i> )	
Margaret Hofmaier ( <i>mother of Barbara Hofmaier</i> )		Ilene Thompson ( <i>sister of Marilyn Heppner</i> )	
Alice Hollis ( <i>friend of Marge Sanger</i> )		Jan Thomson ( <i>sister-in-law of Christine Phillips</i> )	
John Hunt ( <i>friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner</i> )		Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner ( <i>sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel</i> )	
Doug Kelner ( <i>friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson</i> )		Verna Walsh ( <i>aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz</i> )	
Don Kersten ( <i>brother of Phyllis Kersten</i> )		Bob Weaver ( <i>husband of Gretchen</i> )	
Andrew Korcek ( <i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i> )		Daniel Wenzel ( <i>friend of Pat Anderson</i> )	
George Kozuchowski ( <i>friend of Timothy Douma</i> )		Lucy White ( <i>friend of Mary Beth Logas</i> )	
Arnold Krubsack ( <i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i> )		Deborah Wilson ( <i>niece of Carolyn Garber</i> )	
Kathryn Krubsack ( <i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i> )		Randi Woodworth ( <i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i> )	
		Veronica Zuirowski ( <i>mother of Tom</i> )	

## **Benevolence ministries**

Navajo Lutheran Mission

## **In Thanksgiving for**

The 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Jim Scherer**

## **Those serving in the armed services**

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## **Those in the foreign service**

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

## **Those studying abroad**

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

## **Those who are homebound**

Christopher Davis

Joanne Nelson

Gloria Hillert

Barbara Rinnan

Carolyn Martin

Kathleen Wrobel

## **Those who need encouragement**

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, AUGUST 29

Library Open..... 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Worship Services – Holy Communion..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Young Adult Theology on Tap (offsite) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Moms of Littles (Youth room)..... 6:30 p.m.  
Social Ministry Committee Meeting (online) ..... 7:30 p.m.

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**Jeremy Zimmer**, Assistant Cantor  
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