Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome 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.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services 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.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

Electronic Devices

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

Grace Council Statement on Racism

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.

Altar Flowers
Today's flowers are sponsored by Hildegarde Schmidt in loving memory of her husband Stephen Schmidt.

As We Gather
How quickly Peter gets it wrong! In last week's reading, Simon the fisherman makes an inspired confession: Jesus is the Son of the living God! Jesus dubs him Peter, the rock. As the conversation continues, however, the rock becomes a stumbling block. Jesus speaks of his impending suffering, to which Peter objects. And who can blame Peter? Who wouldn't want their friend and master to avoid suffering and death? The problem is that suffering and death and unavoidable, no matter how much we pretend otherwise. Jesus has become human to fully engage our humanity, and in this engagement he will defeat all that has so far defeated us. Sin, death, and the devil are put to flight by Jesus. As those who follow Jesus, we too must take up our cross. And that can only be done when we let go of the things to which desperately cling. When we do, however, we find that the weight of the cross is light and, as Paul writes to the Romans, comes with an invitation to life-giving discipleship.



✢ GATHERING ✢

PRELUDE: Choral variations on "Veni Creator" Maurice Duruflé

*We stand***.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

℗ In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ 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.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ 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
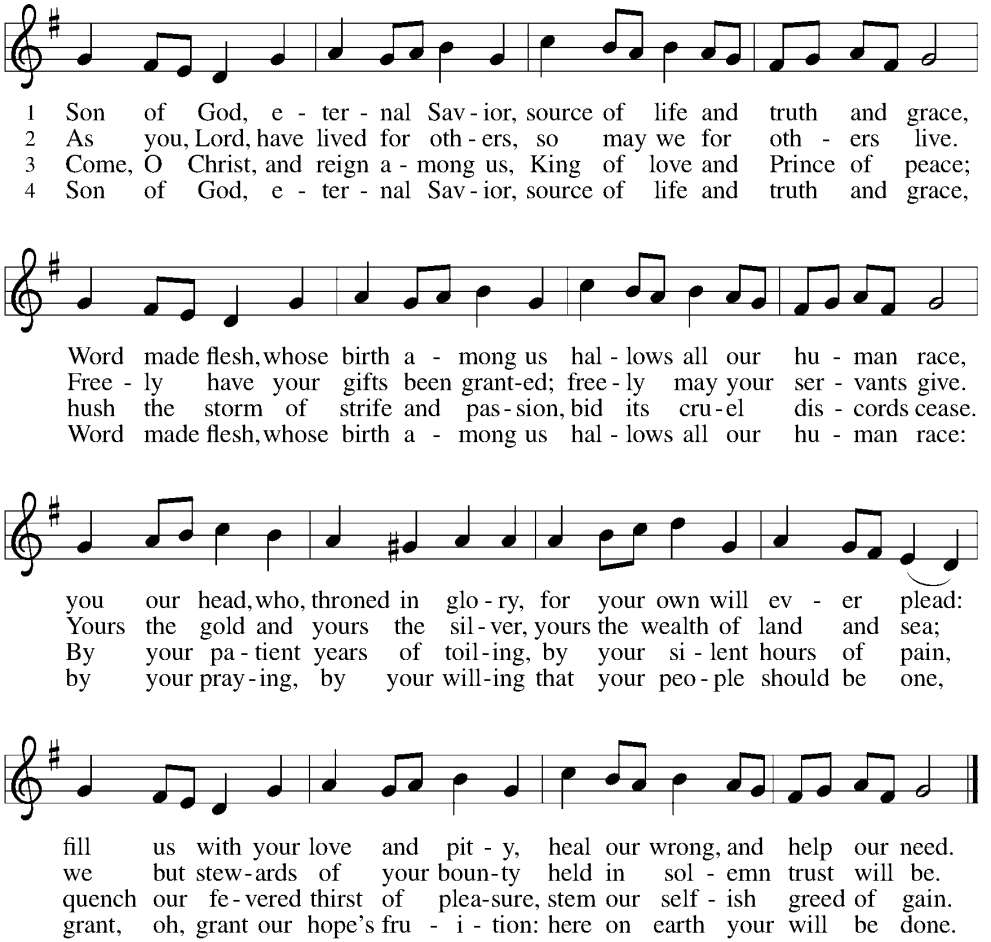
℗ Most merciful God,

℃ **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.**

℗ 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.

℃ **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: Son of God, Eternal Savior *(green)* **LBW #364**
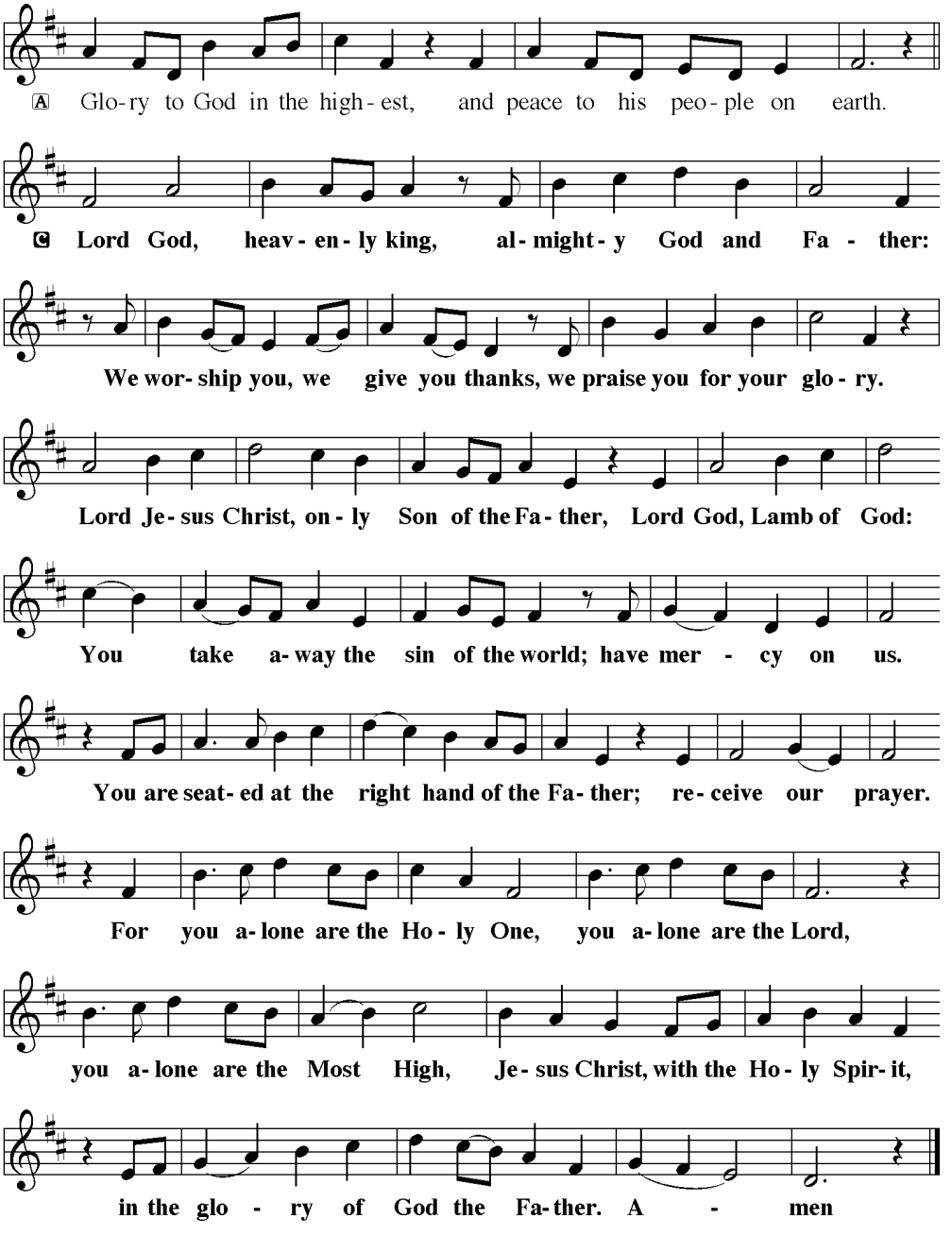


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Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

℟ **And also with you.**

GLORIA


A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
C 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.
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.
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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ The Lord be with you.

℄ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray.
O God, we thank you for your Son,
who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience,
and give us strength to follow your commands;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℄ **Amen.**

We sit.

✢ WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

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[20]And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.
[21]I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1–8 Antiphon by Michael D. Costello

ANTIPHON: Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

L Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;*
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

C **Test me, O | Lord, and try me;***
examine my heart | and my mind.

L For your love is be- | fore my eyes;*
I have walked faith- | fully with you.

C **I have not sat | with the worthless,***
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

L I have hated the company of | evildoers;*
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

C **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,***
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

L singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving*
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

C **Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell***
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; [10]love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. [11]Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.[12]Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. [13]Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

[14]Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15]Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16]Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. [17]Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18]If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19]Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20]No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
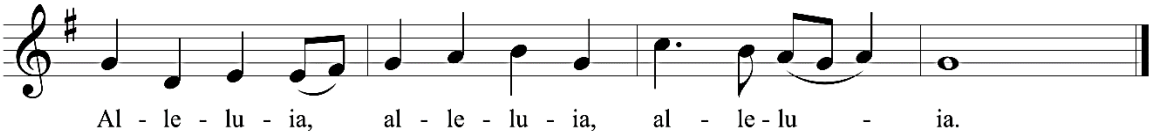
L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Ephesians 1:17–18 Paul D. Weber

We join in singing:



L May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know the hope to which God has called us.

C **REFRAIN** *(above)*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21–28

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

℣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22]And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." [23]But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

[24]Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [25]For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. [26]For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

[27]For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. [28]Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

℣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

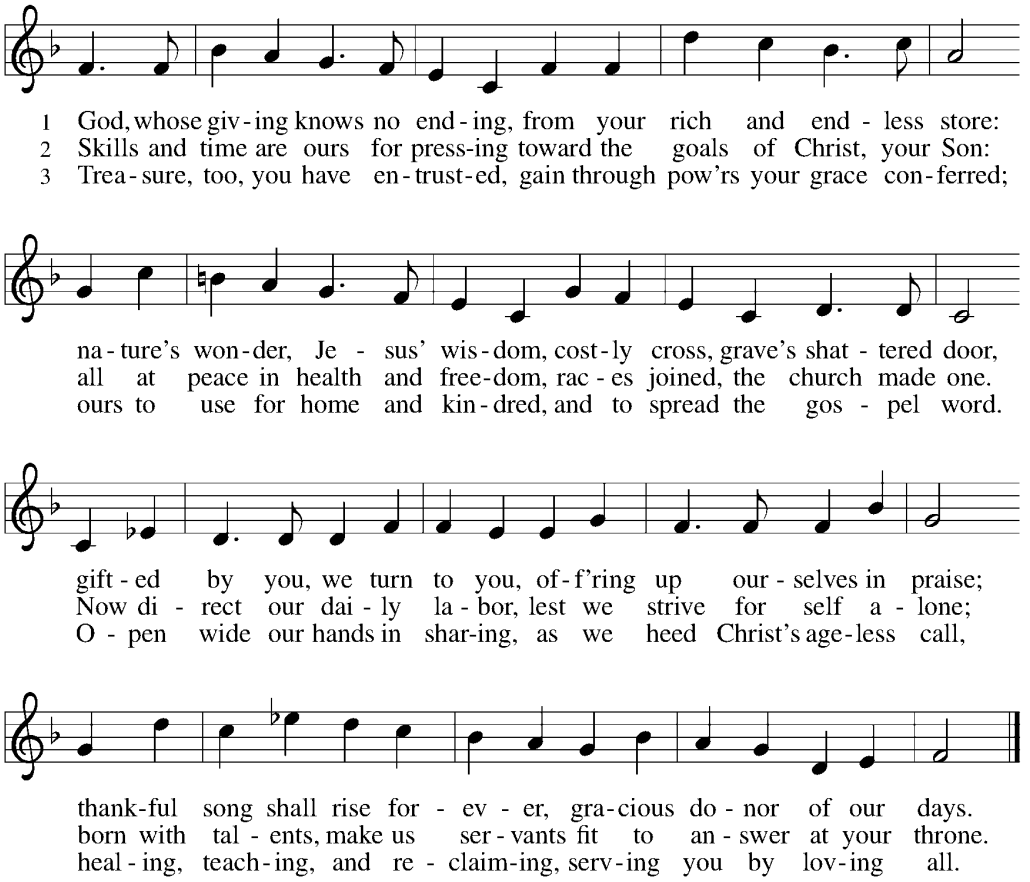
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Life Is for Losers — Pastor David R. Lyle

Matthew 16:21–28; Romans 12:9–12



HYMN OF THE DAY: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *(green)* **LBW #408**



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APOSTLES' CREED

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

℣ **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:

Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,

℣ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

℗ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

℣ **Amen.**

✢ MEAL ✢

PEACE OF CHRIST

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℣ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: From God Can Nothing Move Me — Johann Michael Bach

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Romans 12:11–13 — Carl Schalk

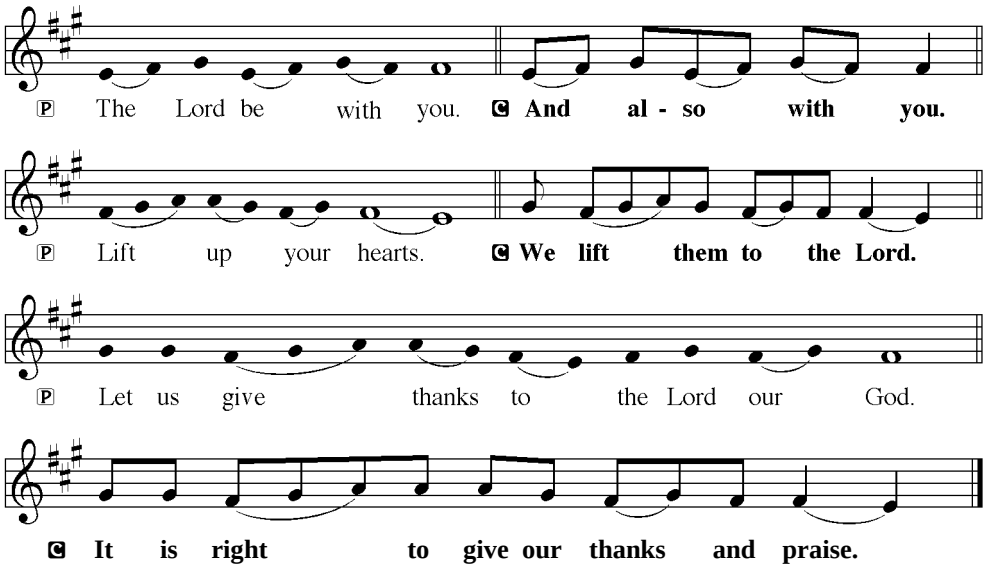
Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

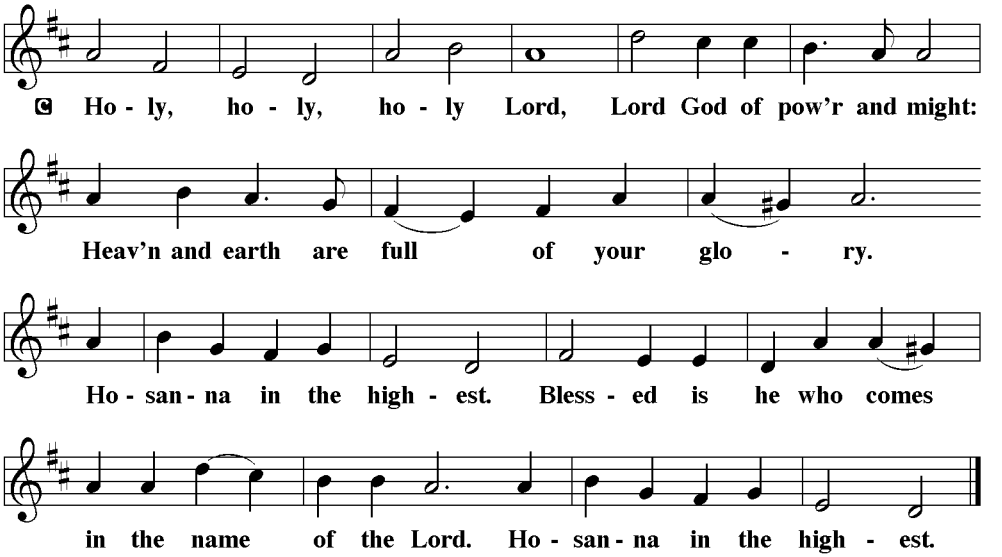
A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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



℗ 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:



℗ 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.**

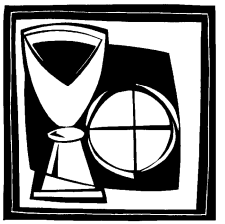
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.
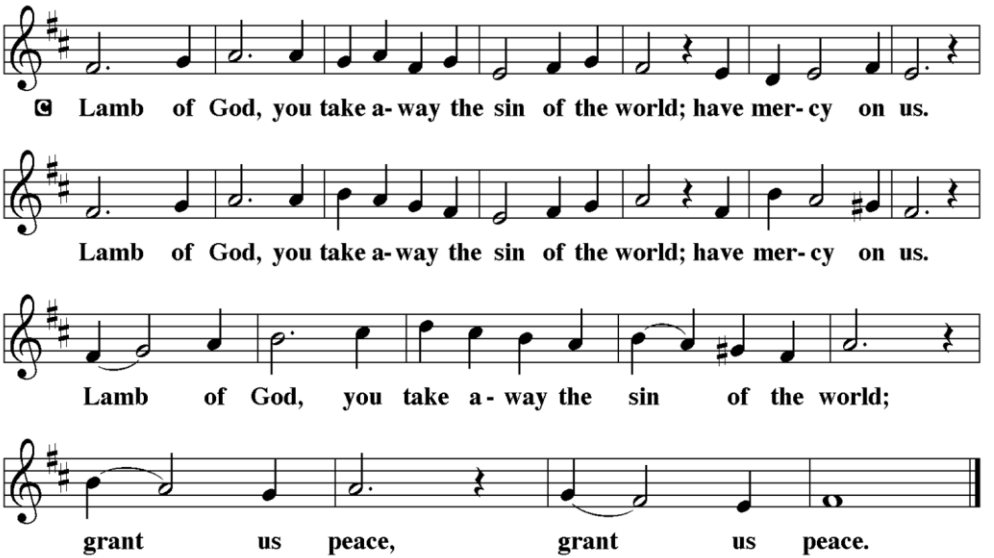
C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.



We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*
After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.

Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or anxiety, for yourself or a family member.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Come Follow Me Forever — Johann Michael Haydn, arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

"Come follow me forever,"
I heard my Lord proclaim.
We sing with joy together
And praise God's holy name.
Lift high in adoration
A song to God above.
Let all in this creation
Receive God's peace and love.
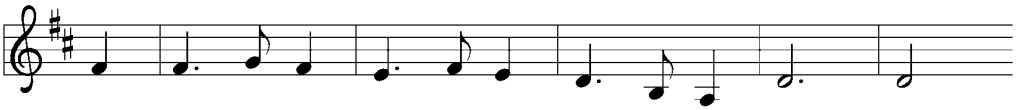
He said, "Come, follow me, and I will set you free."
He said, "Come, follow me, for all eternity.

O bless the Lord with singing,
Come fill your heart with grace.
A joyful song is ringing,
That we may see his face.
All join the celebration,
To God our voices raise.
We pray for our salvation
And offer hymns of praise.
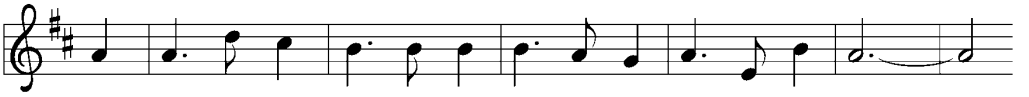
He said, "Come, follow me, and I will set you free."
He said, "Come, follow me, for all eternity."
He said, "Come, follow me, come rest in God above."
He said, "Come, follow me, come live in peace and love."

Patrick Liebergen

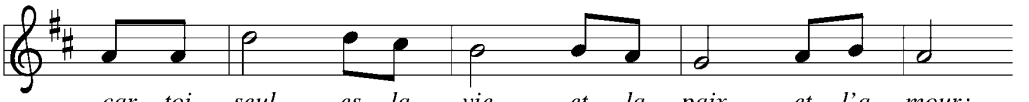
HYMN: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song **ELW #808**
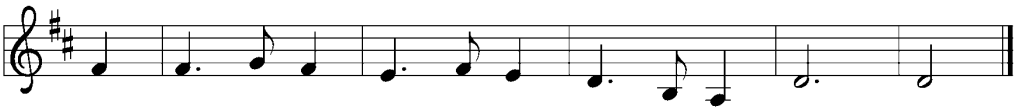


1 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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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.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✢ SENDING ✢

We stand.

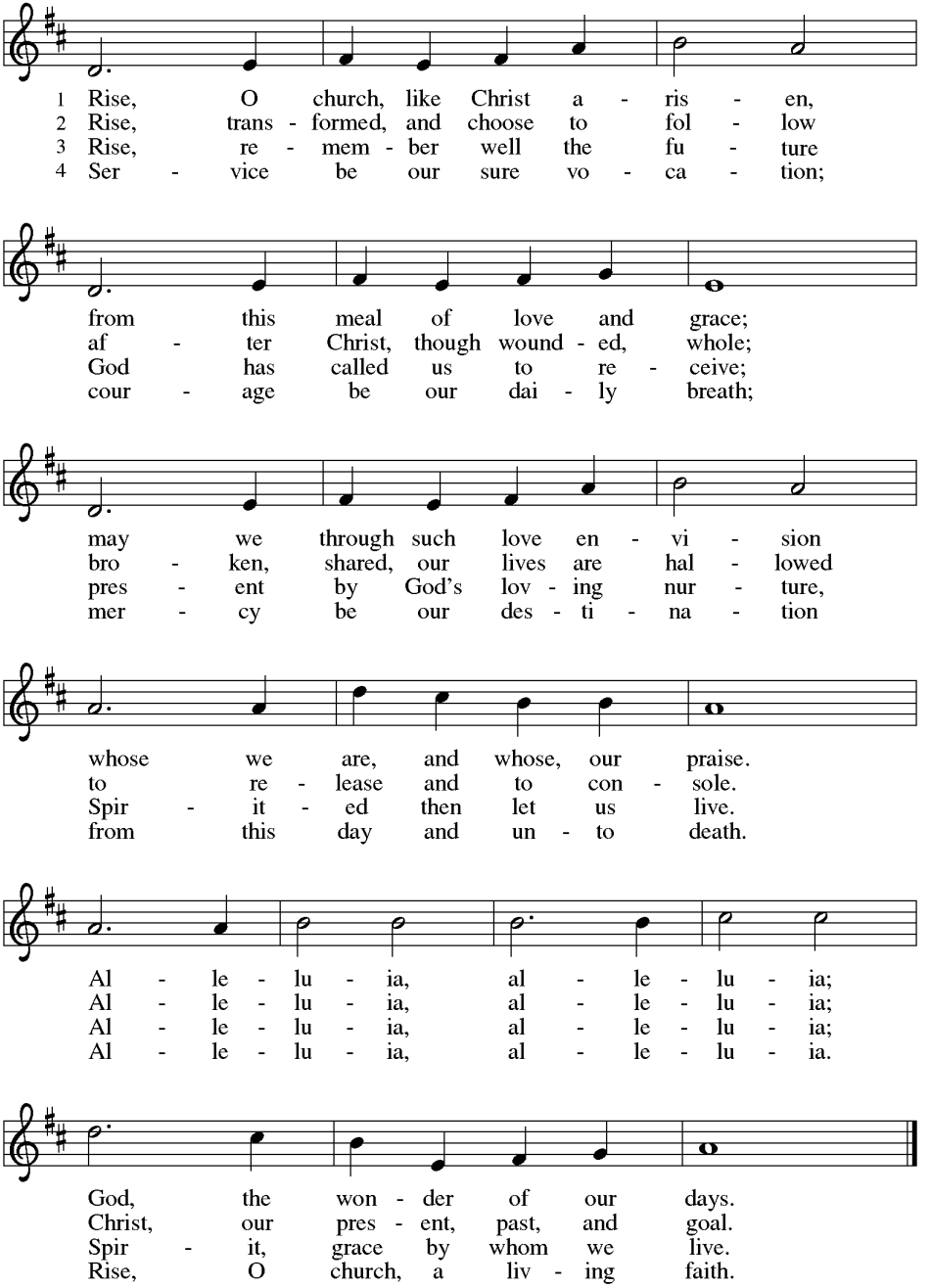
BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen **ELW #548**



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Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Naïades Louis Vierne

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister
Thomas Schmidt, organist
Paulette Reddel, deacon
Eileen Maggio, Rebecca Dahlstrom, lectors
Nicholas Greig, crucifer
Larry Caponigri, Gale Schmidt, gift bearers
Bob Jandeska, Diana Sicuro, anointers
Paul Koester, John Sanger, ushers
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Catherine Amato, Marilyn Moehlenkamp, altar guild
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Gick Schmidt
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Joe Anderson *(nephew of Al and Irmgard Swanson)*
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Fran Benson *(sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat)*
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Khadija Boudim *(friend of Pat Anderson)*
Jim Brandt *(friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner)*
James Brooks *(friend of many at Grace)*
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Stella Dillberg *(mother of Gretchen Weaver)*
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Nancy Epp *(sister of Pat Anderson)*
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Barbara Gehring *(mother of Stephanie Wilkening)*
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Jerry Haase *(friend of Mary Margaret Bartley and Stewart Clarke)*
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Jill Hill *(niece of Al Swanson)*
Clarence Hinz *(father of Julie Hinz)*
Owen Huffman *(son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman)*
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Arnold Krubsack *(brother of Irmgard Swanson)*
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Kozene Lofton *(friend of Pat Anderson)*
John Lunde *(friend of Susan Messerli)*
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Patricia M. *(godchild of Pat Anderson)*
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Esther Martz *(friend of Susie Calhoun)*
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Center for Christian Education

In thanksgiving for

The 100th birthday of **Virginia Lehenbauer** *(former Grace member)*

For those who mourn

Zack Lazar *(cousin of Deb Maxwell)*
Edward A. Scott, III *(cousin of Deb Maxwell)*

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson *(great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat)*
Kevin Buss *(nephew of Christa Krout)*
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Matthew Garmatz *(grandson of Margaret Garmatz)*
Zachery Grosz *(great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner)*
John Kibler *(son of April Kibler)*
Joshua Nelson *(son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton)*
Miles Powell *(grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner)*
Sonny Putman *(nephew of Susan Franzone)*
Rusty Robb *(grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie)*
Matthew Shinkwin *(friend of Eunice Spurgat)*
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Those in the foreign service

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

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton
Christopher Davis
Joan Koerber
Tim Sandvoss
Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

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

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@graceriverforest.org) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Library Open (self service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Bible Study (Conference Room) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion ..... **10:00 a.m.**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Building closed – Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Breakfast Group (online) ..... **10:00 a.m.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

School Chapel Service ..... **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... **6:30 p.m.**
Woman's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**
Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Finding Hope (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Grace Church and School Picnic (Fellowship Hall)
(Immediately following church)

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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