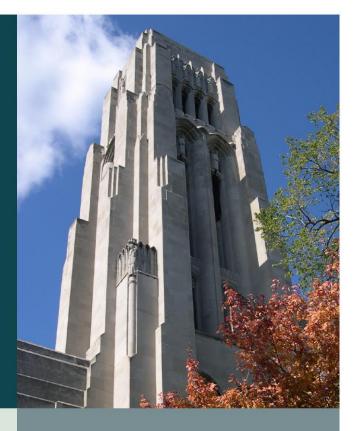
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Welcome to

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2024

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 the families of Nora Berard and Sabrina Srednik in celebration of their baptism.

As We Gather

To be honest, it does not take much effort to work for the food that perishes. The world offers it to us so consistently and with such ease. The neon signs that dot the landscape lure us to counters aplenty. We know this food because we have tasted it more times than we care to admit. Its crumbs promise happiness, fulfillment, and success yet they always leave us wanting more. Those signs, no matter how bright, just lead us to more dead ends. Jesus offers us another sign. It is his own body broken for the life of the world. The manna in the wilderness. The very bread of God. From his body given for us we receive nothing short of eternal life on both sides of the grave. The search is over. At his table our hunger is satisfied. Here we are all beggars who receive everything from the God of sheer grace. All we can say is "give us this bread always."



PRELUDE: Cantabile

César Franck



Text: Delores Dufner, 058, b. 1939 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent. Text © 1993 Delores Dufner OSB. Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

G And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

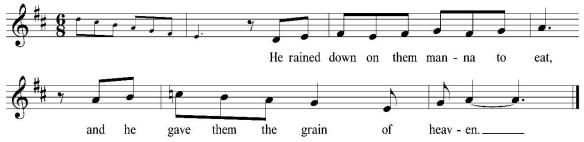
⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

PSALM 78:23-29

The antiphon is introduced by the soloist; we repeat and join each time thereafter.



- So he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.
 He rained down manna upon them to eat and gave them grain from heaven.
 So mortals ate the bread of angels; he provided for them food enough.
- **G** ANTIPHON
- He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and led out the south wind by his might.
 He rained down flesh upon them like dust and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
 He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their dwellings.
 So they ate and were well filled,
 - for he gave them what they craved.
- **G** ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1–16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

We stand.



HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON: The Broken Sign of Life Himself

Pastor Troy E. Medlin Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15; John 6:24–35



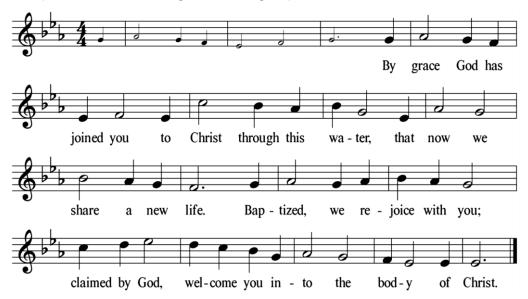
We stand.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (page 121 *in the front* of the green *LBW*.)

Elinor Ann Berard Sabrina Faye Srednick

After the spoken welcome, we sing the following response:



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A 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

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

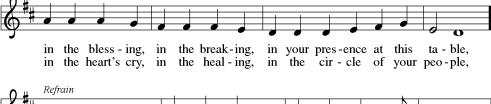
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

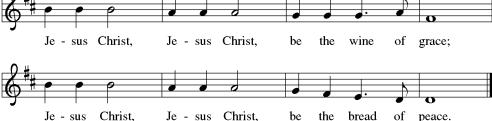
We stand as the gifts are presented. **OFFERTORY SONG:** In the Singing ELW #466 the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect-ant, in o - pen, the an - swer, in the mo-ment of ac - cept-ance, in

the

peace.

J. S. Bach





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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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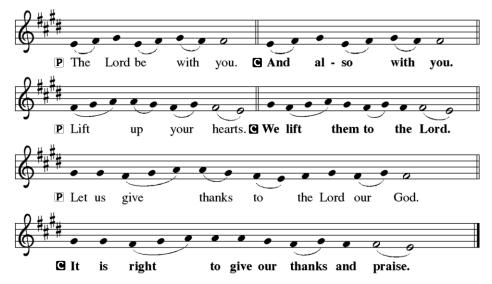
In the sing - ing,

2 In the ques-tion,

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- 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.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931 Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

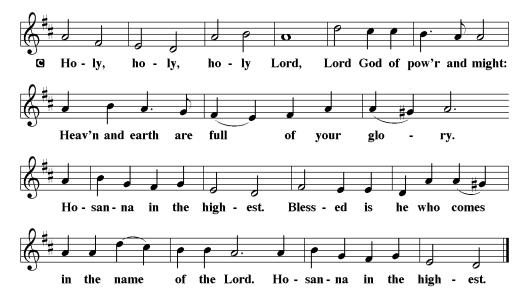
GREAT THANKSGIVING



 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:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

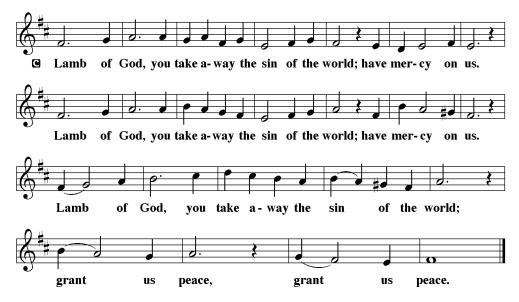
G Amen.



- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.
- 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: Bread of Heaven

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and feed our souls. Come and quench our thirst and make us whole, For our hunger for justice and hope has brought us here. Come and soothe our suffering and our fear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and bring us life. Come and quell all violence and all strife, For our thirst for compassion and love has brought us here. Come and bid all conflict disappear.

Holy Bread of Heaven, come and bring your light. Come and fracture hopelessness and night, For our hunger for healing will ever bring us here, Welcoming your children, far and near. Karen Marrolli, based on John 6:33 Karen Marrolli



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

Amen.

A Let us pray.

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Glories of Your Name Are Spoken

(green) LBW #358



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune

Jeremiah Clarke

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister Paulette Reddel, deacon

> Thomas Schmidt, organist Colin Krueger, soloist

David Simpson, Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, lectors Faith Greig, crucifer Lois Harb, Stan Reddel, gift bearers Bob Jandeska, Diana Sicuro, anointers Scott Schwar, Tom Swanson, Gerlinde VanDriesen, Susan Weber, ushers Catherine Amato, Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson, altar guild Susan Bogner, Sabrina Maggio, Ruth Reko, greeters Al Swanson, Eunice Eifert, livestream audio/video

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Young Adults in Global Mission

In thanksgiving for

The baptism of **Elinor Berard** (daughter of Emily Simpson and Zachary Berard) The baptism of **Sabrina Srednick** (daughter of Sarah and David Srednick)

For those who mourn

Ruth Werling (former member of Grace) Sam Battaglia (cousin of Susan and David Franzone) Virginia Lehenbauer (former member of Grace)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz) Zachery Grosz (great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner) John Kibler (son of April Kibler) Zachary Larsen (grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon)

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Those who need encouragement

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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, AUGUST 4

Library open (self-service)	.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour (Atrium/Outdoor)	11:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Breakfast Group (Conference Room)...... 10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Cornerstone Summer Fellowship (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)......7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

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

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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- I would like one of the pastors to contact me via (check one) D Phone or DE-mail.



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