



Welcome to

## Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,  
live with love, and go to serve.



### 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 LBW and blue 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 [graceriverforest.org](http://graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026

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 grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the 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**

Flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please stop by the front desk for more details.

## **As We Gather**

Jesus presses home the point: following him will not be easy. But he is not simply saying that discipleship is difficult, although that is sometimes true. His point is that discipleship begins with death. Following Jesus does not begin by addressing the sin and death in which others are trapped. It begins where Jesus meets us, which is in our own sin and death. But Jesus doesn't begin his work in us by demanding that we do better. He doesn't just encourage us to try harder. Instead, Jesus takes up his cross and dies for us. Joined to his death, we are made alive. Forgiven. Found. In this new life, we discover that the difficulties of discipleship are nothing but joy. Found by Jesus, we go with his good news to the whole world.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Cantabile

César Franck

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

☞ **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.

☞ **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,

☞ **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.

☞ **Amen.**

*We face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: Let the Whole Creation Cry**

*(green)* **LBW #242**



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, --proph - ets burn - ing - with his word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.



## 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.  
**G** **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE:



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**G** 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward,  
except that of knowing that we do your will,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7–13

O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
 for they will not succeed.  
 Their eternal dishonor  
 will never be forgotten.  
<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
 you see the heart and the mind;  
 let me see your retribution upon them,  
 for to you I have committed my cause.  
<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
 praise the LORD!  
 For he has delivered the life of the needy  
 from the hands of evildoers.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 69:8–20

Linda Cable Shute

ANTIPHON: Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

℣ Surely, for your sake have I suf- | fered reproach,\*  
 and shame has cov- | ered my face.

☩ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,\*  
 an alien to my | mother's children.**

℣ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;\*  
 the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

☩ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,\*  
 but that was turned to | my reproach.**

℣ I put on | sackcloth also,\*  
 and became a by- | word among them.

☩ **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,\*  
 and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

℣ But as for me, this is my | prayer to you,\*  
 at the time you have | set, O Lord:

☩ **"In your great mer- | cy, O God,\*  
 answer me with your un- | failing help.**

- L Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;\*  
 let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters.
- G **Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
 neither let the deep swallow | low me up;\*  
 do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.**
- L Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;\*  
 in your great compassion, | turn to me."
- G **Hide not your face | from your servant;\*  
 be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**
- L Draw near to me | and redeem me;\*  
 because of my enemies de- | liver me.

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b–11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** John 15:26, 27

Wayne L. Wold

*We join in singing the following refrain before and after the proper verse.*

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, and ending with a double bar line.

☐ Jesus says, “The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify.”

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:24–39

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

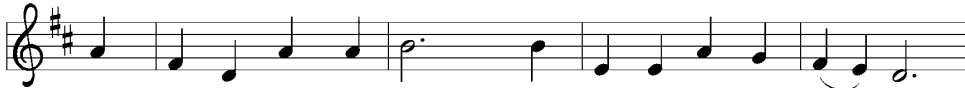
**SERMON:** Baptized for Life

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Matthew 10:24–39; Romans 6:1b-11

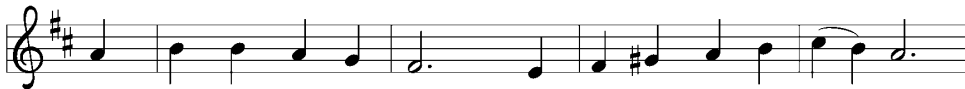
*We stand.*

**HYMN:** 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.**

*We stand.*

## **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

☐ 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/ANTHEM:** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound      Setting by Paul Bouman

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

John Newton 1725-1807, alt.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
his grace has brought me safe so far,  
his grace will see me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease,  
amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE

☑ 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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

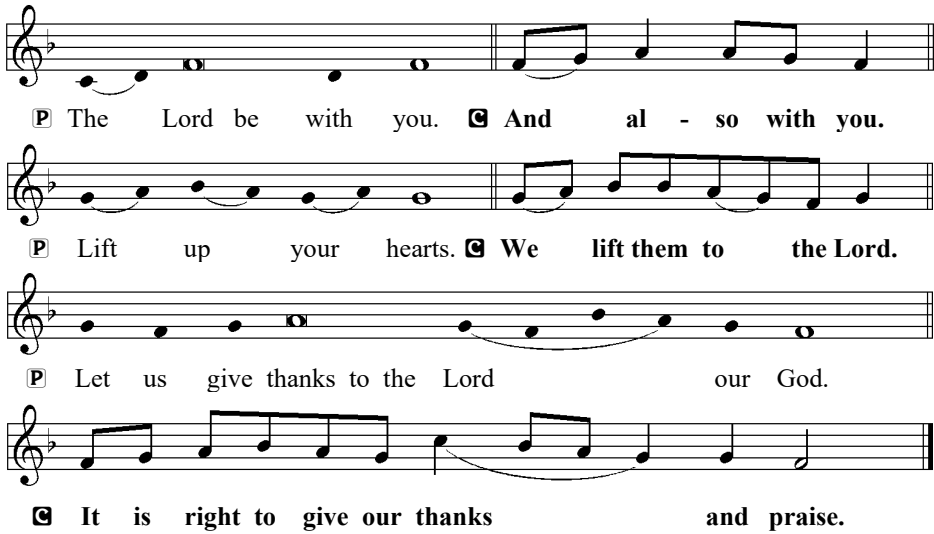


prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**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:

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.**

Ⓟ 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.**

Ⓟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ⓞ **Thanks be to God.**

Ⓟ 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.*

*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.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**ANTHEM:** Children of the Heavenly Father

Setting by Michael D. Costello

Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

Caroline V. Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

HYMN: Lord of Our Life

(green) LBW #366



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, star of our  
2 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing, see how your  
3 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; Lord, you can  
4 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing, peace in your

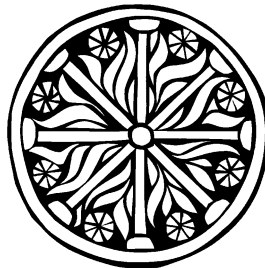


night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: hear and re - ceive your  
foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing. Lord, while their poi - soned  
sails save when dead - ly sin as - sails us; and, in the day when  
church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing, peace, when the world its



church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
ar - rows they are hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.  
hell it - self ap - palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:  
end - less war is wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, 1594–1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799–1855, alt.  
Music: ISTE CONFESSOR, Poitiers *Antiphoner*, 1746





1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

# ✠ SENDING ✠

## BENEDICTION

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

☑ Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: How Firm a Foundation

(green) LBW #507



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
4 "Through-out all their life-time my people shall prove



is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
my sov'-reign, eternal, un-change-a-ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem-ples adorn,



who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?  
up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand."  
your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo-som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata

Louis Verne

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Ann Anderson, flutist

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## TODAY, JUNE 21

Blood Drive (gym)..... **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**Worship – Holy Communion** ..... **10:00 a.m.**  
 Summer Coffee Hour (Atrium) ..... **11:15 p.m.**  
 Meeting of the Congregation (Fellowship Hall)..... **11:15 a.m.**

## MONDAY, JUNE 22

Dads of Grace (Offsite)..... **7:30 p.m.**

## TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)..... **7:00 p.m.**

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

**GLOW – Holy Communion** (Offsite)..... **6:00 p.m.**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Men Of Grace (Youth Center)..... **9:00 a.m.**

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