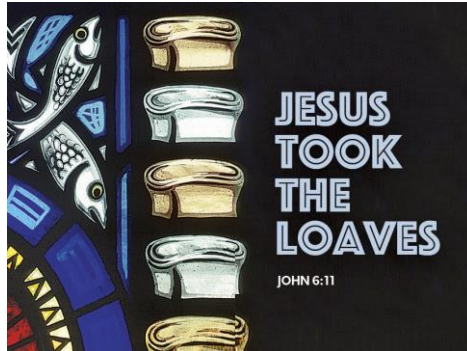


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**July 28, 2024; 9:00 A.M.**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **OPENING MUSIC**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

setting, Mark Sedio

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"We Come to the Hungry Feast"**

ELW 479 (One License)

*Please be seated.*

**WELCOME**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING:**

**2 Kings 4:42-44**, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 336*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalm 145:10-18**

*The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.*

**SECOND READING:**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg.193*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 6:1-21**, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 97

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

Please be seated.

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

ELW 674 (One License)

### APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence.*

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. We pray for Micah and Johanna Bergstrom as they go to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp this week, bless them and surround them with your grace as they grow in faith. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a physically distant sign of God's peace with one another-wave a greeting of peace to people around you, and/or text a greeting of peace to someone.*

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

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

## OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.



## OFFERING HYMN

### "I Come with Joy"

ELW 482, vs. 1-3 (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 191, left column

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come to the table!

Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### "Lamb of God"

ELW pg. 191 (Augsburg Fortress)

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

### "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

ACS 966 (One License)

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us  
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions  
heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your  
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your  
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**SENDING**  
 God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
 who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
 ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

ELW 547 (One License)

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

setting, Frank Stoldt



## **Worship Team**

A/V Team: Andy Bellavia

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Alan Beckman, Robin Gibbs,  
Sandra Olson, Karen Reinhard

Greeters: Michelle Anderson, Donna Freeman

Reader: Karen Reinhard

Ushers: Mike Freeman, Bill Kreznor, Nancy Kreznor

Children's Sermon: Jamielynn Wedoff

Altar Guild: Cathy Meyer, Donna Neubaum, Brian Gerloff, Carole Gerloff

Musicians: Jan Burns, Maren Filetti, Sean Fiorina

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

## **Presence Light Sponsor:**

To the glory of God and the many blessings he bestows! Given by Adele Petersen.

## **Bulletin Sponsors:**

In honor of Mark's birthday on July 31<sup>st</sup>, given by Beth Miller.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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