

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



July 27, 2025

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, we invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk to let us know you were worshipping with us today. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor, an usher, or placed in the offering.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Busy Bags for our very young worshippers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available at the ushers table in the entry-way, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshippers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available at either worship service, after the Gospel reading for children ages 3 through third grade During Little Lambs Children's Ministry children and their leader go to the Nursery to enjoy age appropriate Biblically-oriented activities during the Sermon, creed and prayers. They return during the offering to join us for Holy communion! This gives little ones a Bible break during the service, while allowing parents to focus on the sermon!

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at www.grace43081.org and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch - Piano

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" - arr. Lloyd Larson

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - arr. Pam Gervais

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.** (*Matthew 28:19*)

P Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. (*Hebrews 10:22*)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124: 8*)

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalm 32: 5*)

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed; wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 1: 12, John 20:23*)

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Your Kingdom Come!”



1 Your king - dom come! O Fa - ther, hear our prayer;
2 Stum - bling and blind, we strive to do your will,
3 Come through the faith where - by the church must live;
4 Your king - dom come; come too, God's glo - rious Son!



shine through the clouds that threat - en ev - 'ry - where;
trust - ing the word you sure - ly will ful - fill,
come through the word and sac - ra - ments you give;
Oh, may our task for you be no - bly done!



light from a - bove, our on - ly life and joy,
that all are yours, how - ev - er far they roam,
come through your teach - ing, and your heal - ing too;
Faith - ful let all your ser - vants be, and true,



show us the hope that noth - ing can de - stroy;
that love shall tri - umph, and your king - dom come;
come through the work en - light - ened hearts can do;
un - til they bring all na - tions home to you;



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The Liturgy of The Word

THE INVITATORY AND 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. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)
- C** And also with you.

KYRIE (Mark 10: 47, Luke 17:13)

A In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(to Refrain)

A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Congregation:

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast”

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of

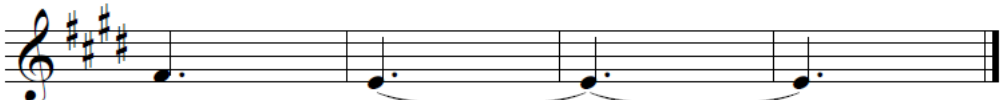
God.

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and Ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour out upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things which trouble our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

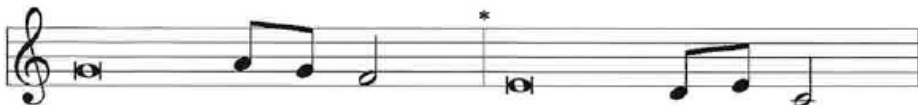
Psalm 138

Refrain



Your love en-dures for - ev - er; do not a - ban-don the works of your hands.

Psalm Tone



L ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

C ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your Name,
because of your | love and faithfulness;**

L ³ For you have glori- | fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things.

C ⁴ **When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me. Refrain**

L ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

C ⁶ **They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

L ⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

C ⁸ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.**

L ⁹ The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;

O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6: 68*)

Congregation:

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS: At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the offering to join us for Holy Communion.

SERMON: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray!"

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*Matthew 5: 22-24; John 20: 19*)

C And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Piano

"In the Garden" - arr. Brent Olstad

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

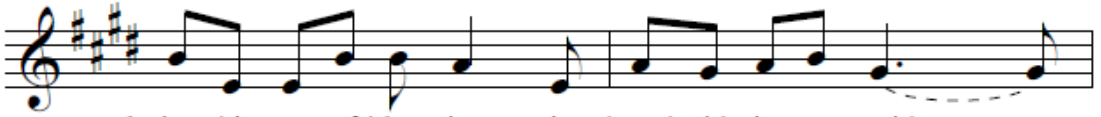
THE OFFERTORY

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

to Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of all things:
through your goodness you have given us this bread,
fruit of the earth and of human labor.

C **Blessed be God.**

A Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of all things:
through your goodness you have given us this wine,
fruit of the vine and the work of human hands.

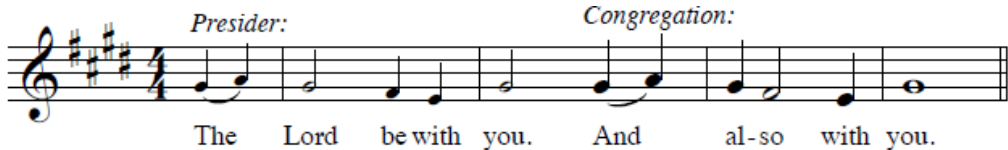
C **Blessed be God.**

P Merciful God, as the grains once scattered on the fields
and the grapes once grown on the hillside are now united
on this table in bread and wine, may we who celebrate this
Eucharist be gathered into one in you, as we offer ourselves—
all that we have and are, to your service.

C **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

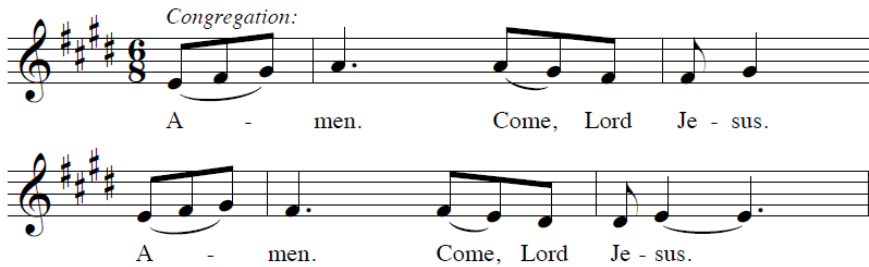
Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you sent 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.
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.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

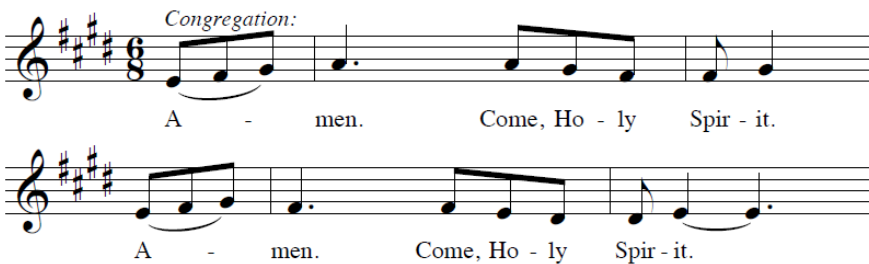
Congregation:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P Sanctify by your Spirit this bread and wine ✠,
 that through them we may partake
 of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P 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:
 "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the
 new covenant, which is shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, heavenly Father, we celebrate this Eucharist
 remembering your Son's passion and death,
 His resurrection and ascension.
 We will eat the Bread of Life and drink the Cup of
 Salvation until the day when he comes again in glory.
 And we ask you: remember the perfect and eternal sacrifice
 through which, in Christ, you have reconciled us with yourself.
 Grant that we may be united into one body, that we may praise
 and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)
C **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**
 (*Revelation 19:9*)

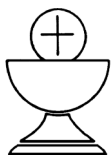
LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children or adults who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them.

Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion: O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion: Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch - Piano

"Break Bread Together" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

"Prayer Suite" - arr. Don Wyrzten

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.

THE BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



RECESSIONAL HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Gigue" - *G. F. Handel/ arr. Lani Smith*

Linda Hoch - Piano

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

Flowers are given by...

Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of our wedding anniversary.

Remember in our prayers... Sue Taylor, Donald Pfanz, Chuck Dettmann, Misty Cochenour, Don Melick, Barbara Muller, Tom Zawodny, Ernestine Dietz, Andy Chatterton, Steve Miller, David Fuhrman, Chuck and Paula Washburn, Betty Milner, Mary Cooney, John Hicks, Amy Lynn Unkefer, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross, The Family of Karen Vann

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form and place it in the offering or hand it to an usher to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost: 8:15am: 65; 11:00am: 114; Total: 179

MUSIC NOTES

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – arr. Lloyd Larson

Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008) wrote this hymn on July 26, 1983, in response to a request from Concordia Publishing House. They wanted a hymn that could be used during the day with the tune AR HYD Y NOS, which is closely associated with the evening hymn "God, who made the earth and heaven." Vajda says "the soft and contemplative melody suggested a setting of the benediction as a hymn of dismissal." The text is based on the benediction in Numbers 6:22-27. Vajda says, "I placed the words of the hymn into the mouth of the blessing triune God dismissing the congregation after worship."

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – arr. Pam Gervais

Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886) wrote these words circa 1855 to comfort his mother in a time of sorrow, never intending them to have any wider use. A friend saw the manuscript when sitting with Scriven during the author's last illness. Scriven admitted "The Lord and I wrote it between us." The hymn evidently appeared first (and anonymously) in Horace L. Hastings's *Social Hymns, Original and Selected* (1865).

"In the Garden" – arr. Brent Olstad

In 1912, C. Austin Miles (1868-1945) was asked by a music publisher to write a hymn that would be "sympathetic in tone, breathing tenderness in every line; one that would bring hope to the hopeless, rest for the weary, and downy pillows to dying heads." Miles wrote the words and the music all in one March evening. The hymn was inspired by the account of Mary's meeting with Jesus found in the biblical scripture of John 20. Miles related that "I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed, the poem exactly as it has since appeared."

"Break Bread Together" – arr. Anne Krentz Organ

As is true of folk songs, there is no known author or composer for this spiritual. In his book *Negro Slave*

Songs in the United States (1953), Miles Mark Fisher has suggested that after the Civil War it was sung by blacks as a communion hymn. It may be derived from a song that used to convene secret meetings, when such gatherings were prohibited in the colony of Virginia.

“Prayer Suite” – Don Wyrzten

This Suite is an arrangement of two classic hymns:

Hear our Prayer, O Lord: These words are derived from Psalm 143:1a, “Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications.” The final phrase echoes the traditional “Dona nobis pacem” which closes the Agnus Dei – “grant us Thy peace.”

Sweet Hour of Prayer: The words of this hymn appeared in *The New York Observer* September 13, 1845, a contribution by Rev. Thomas Salmon, who had recently come to the United States from England. He explained that the poem was written by W. W. Walford, a blind fellow-clergyman in Warwickshire.

“Gigue” – G. F. Handel/ arr. Lani Smith

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) was a German-British composer well known for his operas, oratorios, anthems, concerti grossi and organ concertos. He received his training in Halle and worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London in 1712 where he spent the bulk of his career. He is consistently recognized as one of the greatest composers of his age, and his music was admired by Classical-era composers such as Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven.

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
DEACON	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
ASSISTING	8:15 Fred Pfanz
MINISTER	11:00 Andrea Bush
PIANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIRDIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
CANTOR	Chris Troutman
LECTOR	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Kyle Lamb
ACOLYTE	8:15 Molly Young 11:00 Emily Odum
COMMUNION	8:15 Donna Dettmann, Ted Ray
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Andrea Bush, Heather Bush
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 3</i>	Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Dortha Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge
USHERS	8:15 Steve Miller, Ande Ucubagabriel, Sue Miller, George Paulus
	11:00 Mike Grubb, Bev Grubb, Tom Seamon
GREETERS	8:15 Lois Rumph
	11:00 Joanne Figge
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Ellen Paulus
	11:00 Amy Quinn

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