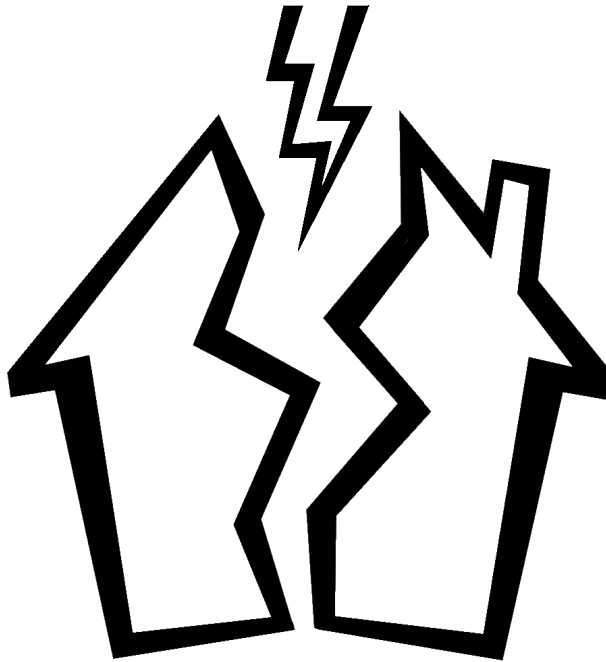


Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost
Back to School Blessings



August 17, 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

"Word of God Come Down on Earth" - arr. David Cherwien

"Before You Lord We Bow" - arr. Lani Smith

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.** (*Psalms 124: 8*)

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

C **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalms 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

“Before You Lord We Bow”



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 The na - tion you have blest may well your love de - clare, from
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low, bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks we
foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
in your word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our king!
day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

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

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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!

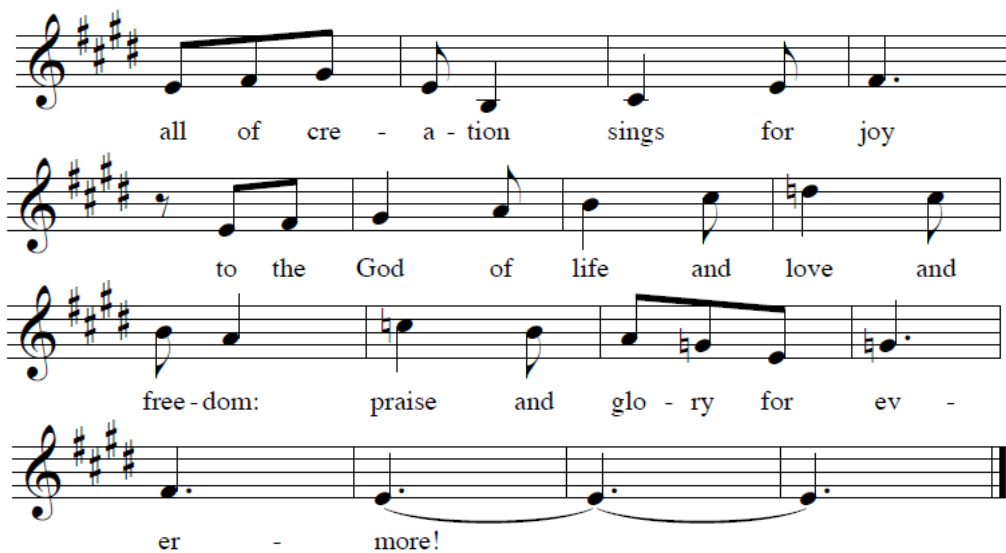
1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

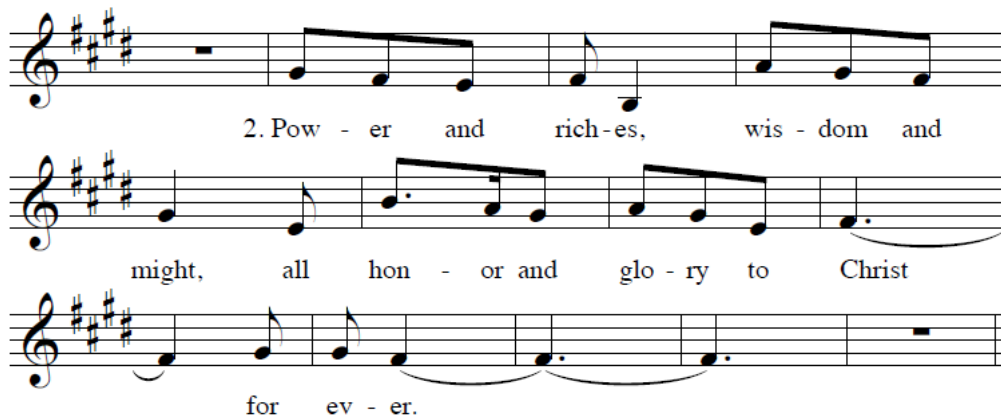
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

God.

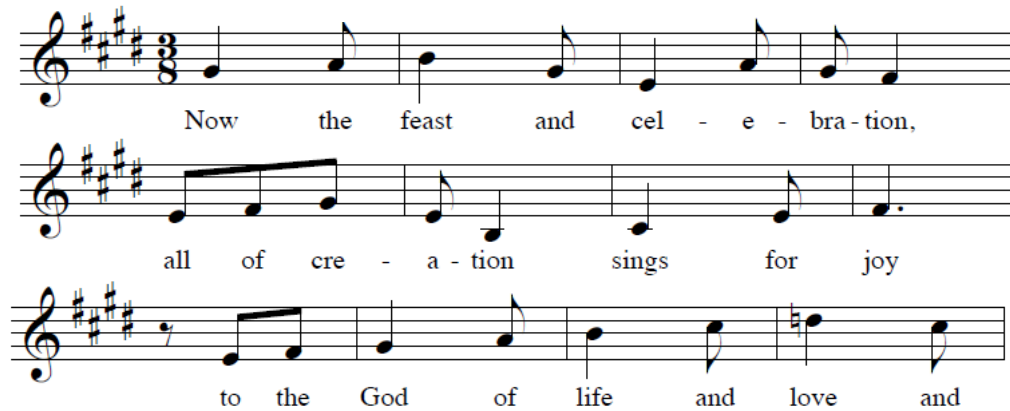
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



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

to Refrain

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!

Psalm 82

Refrain

A - rise, O God, and rule the earth.

Psalm Tone

A - rise, O God, and rule the earth.

- L ¹God takes his stand in the coun- | cil of heaven;
he gives judgment in the midst | of the gods:
- C ²**“How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?”**
- L ³Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the hum- | ble and needy;
- C ⁴**rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked. Refrain**
- L ⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they go | about in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.
- C ⁶**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**
- L ⁷nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.”
- C ⁸**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people

crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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 12:49-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁹{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

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: "Vicious Trouble-Makers!"

The Rev. Dr. David Wendel

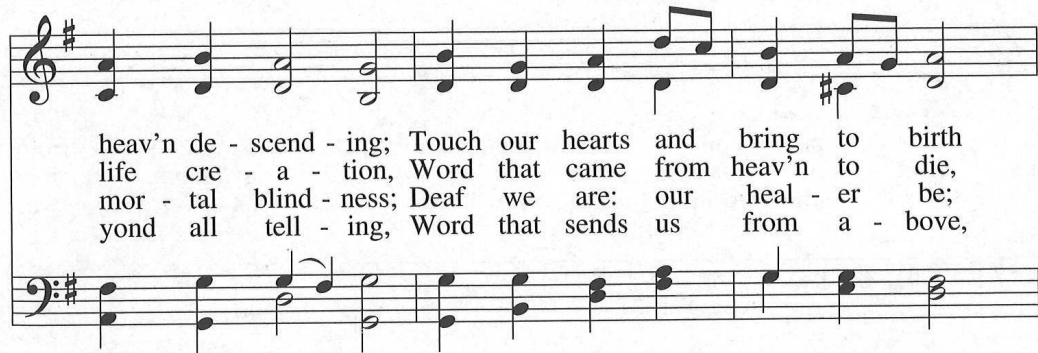
After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

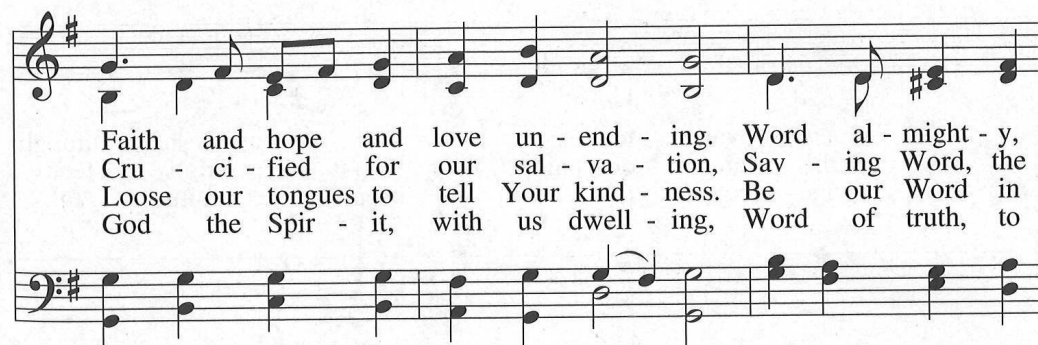
HYMN OF THE DAY "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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.**

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING: At this time children and teachers including Sunday school teachers are invited to come forward for a blessing.

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

Heather Bush - Vocal Solo

"Offering" - *Powell/Lee/Avery/Anderson/Carr*

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

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 musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Presider and Congregation, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you." The second staff is for the Presider and Congregation, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third and fourth staves are for the Presider and Congregation, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The music is simple and melodic, using a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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.
 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.

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."

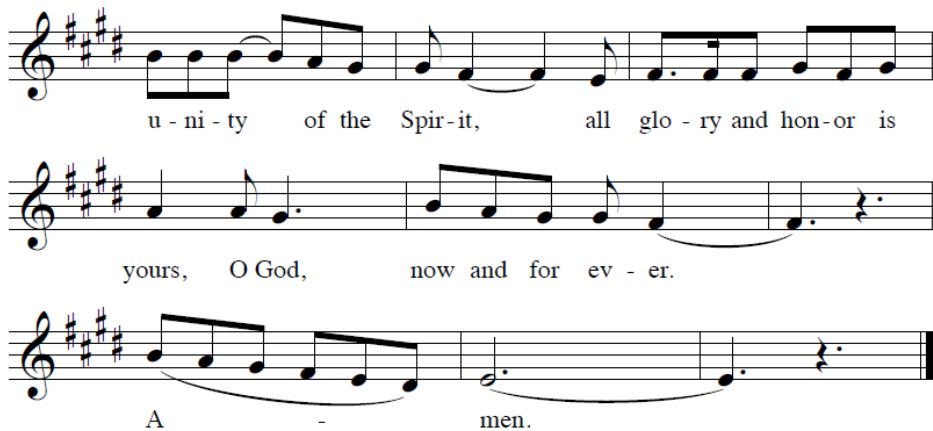
Again, after supper, He took the cup,
 gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:
 "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the
 new covenant, which is shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

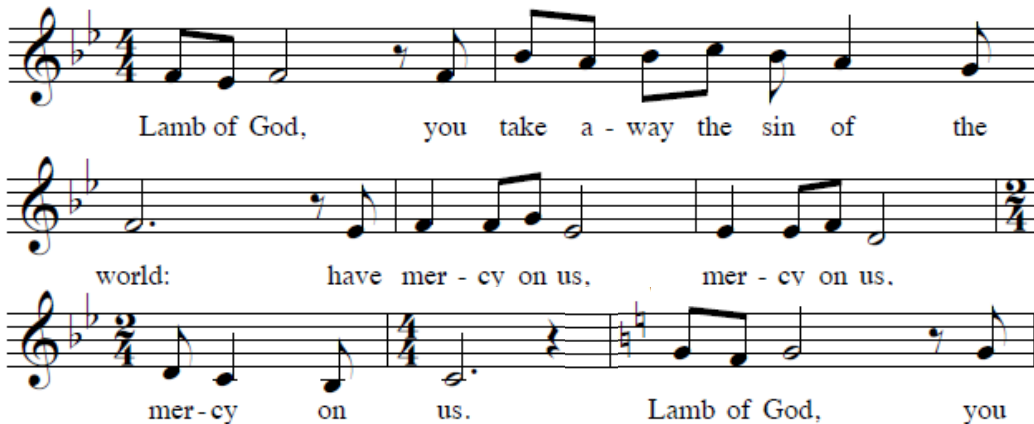
A time of silence...

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)

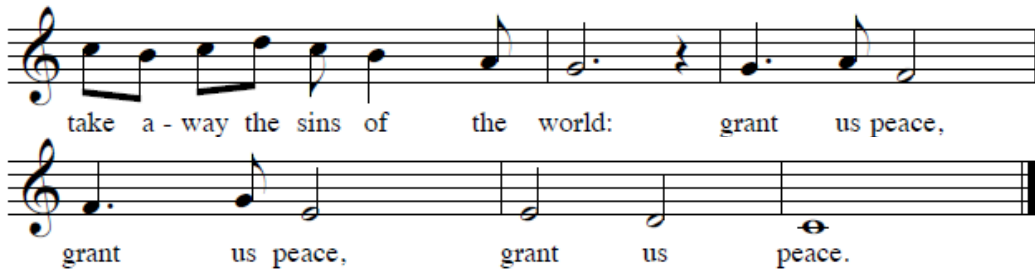
C Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!
 (*Revelation 19:9*)

LAMB OF GOD

(*John 1: 29*)

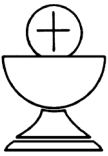


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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.

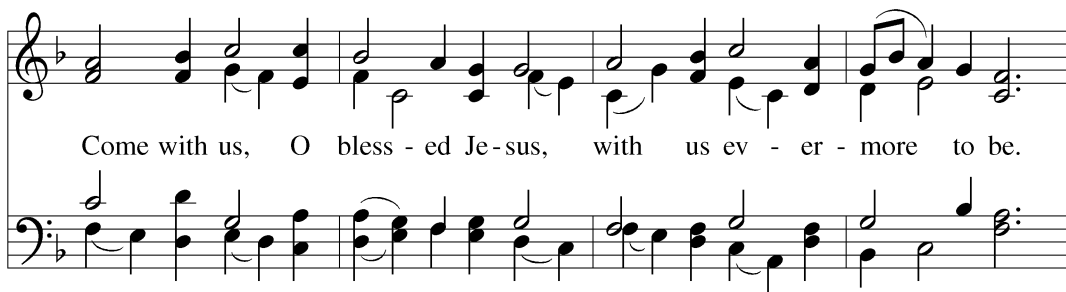
COMMUNION MUSIC

Heather Bush - Vocal Solo

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - *arr. Dan Forrest*

COMMUNION HYMN

“Come With Us”



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come, bring peace, good will to men.

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 ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



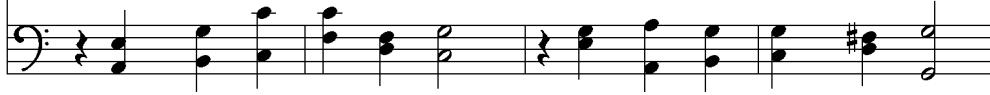
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - arr. John Leavitt

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...

Rudy and Dottie Kolberg in gratitude to our Lord for his countless blessings as we celebrate our 69th wedding anniversary and the 68th anniversary of Rudy's ordination.

Remember in our prayers... *Barbara Girard, John Westenhaver, 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 Jim Bupp*

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.



Please keep Julie Young and family in your prayers, as her grandfather Jim Bupp passed away last week.

Romans 14: *Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.*



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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost: 8:15am: 71; 11:00am: 115; Total: 186

MUSIC NOTES

"Word of God Come Down on Earth" – arr. David Cherwien

Roman Catholic priest James Quinn (1919-2010) penned this hymn that is used across denominational lines. As biblical sources for the first three stanzas, Quinn lists Isaiah 55:10-11 (stanza 1); John 1:1-18 (stanza 2), and the Gospel miracles of healing (stanza 3). The last two lines of stanza 4 "combine the double theme of John 6 (Christ as the Bread of life in his teaching and in his eucharistic presence).

"Before You Lord We Bow" – arr. Lani Smith

Fracis Scott Key (1779-1843), who also wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner," wrote this hymn "For the Fourth of July, 1832." Originally beginning "Before *the* Lord we bow," Key's text had seven stanzas and has only been altered slightly over the years.

"Offering" – Powell/Lee/Avery/Anderson/Carr

"Offering" is from the 2003 album *Offerings II: All I Have to Give* by the Christian rock band Third Day. The band was founded by lead singer Mac Powell, guitarist Mark Lee and Billy Wilkins. The band's name is a reference to the biblical accounts of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day following his crucifixion.

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – arr. Dan Forrest

The text for this hymn by Henry W. Baker (1821-1877) is not just another metrical version or paraphrase of Psalm 23. Rather, it treats the psalm freely and gives it a distinctively Christian framework. Christ, the Good Shepherd, is the center of the setting, and the Cross (a symbol of Christ's laying down his life for the sheep) is followed by a sacramental emphasis on the Lord's table and the eucharistic chalice. The last words Baker spoke upon his deathbed are said to have been from the third stanza of the hymn.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – arr. John Leavitt

This “Battle Hymn of the Reformation” was written by Martin Luther (1483-1546) and was first published in *Geistliche Lieder* (Wittenburg, 1529), though some sources place the hymn as early as 1527. Luther wrote it around the time of the Diet of Speyer, when the German princes made their formal protest against the attacks on their liberties and hence gained the name “Protestants.” Luther’s text is based on Psalm 46 (today’s psalm) and emphasizes comfort.

I Hope In Your Word

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 119:81-88 (ESV)

K T E S T I M O N I E S Q B C
E S R V P R E C E P T S A O I
E A W I N E S K I N F F M L Q
P F J A O H O P E O K F S P G
L D I P C M X M R S O U L E T
W A L L S C D G F R R I L R B
Y E W I T N O I T A V L A S K
H T G E A T O R E E S Z F E O
B S L M T N H T D G J G T C X
H M M E U E E L N I D D I U U
E O N N T L S O P A N U P T F
C U L D E O L V J B V G J E D
B T S U S S A E N W O R D D V
B H V R Q N F O R S A K E N I
Z E Y E S I M O R P E R U S Z

My **soul longs** for your **salvation**; I **hope** in your **word**. My **eyes** long for your promise; I **ask**, “When will you **comfort** me?” For I have become like a **wineskin** in the **smoke**, yet I have not **forgotten** your **statutes**. How long must your **servant endure**? When will you **judge** those who **persecute** me? The **insolent** have **dug pitfalls** for me; they do not **live according** to your **law**. All your **commandments** are **sure**; they persecute me with **falsehood**; **help** me! They have almost made an **end** of me on earth, but I have not **forsaken** your **precepts**. In your **steadfast love** give me **life**, that I may **keep** the **testimonies** of your **mouth**.

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