

August 28th, 2016
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
With Communion



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Divine Service 10 AM

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today, “*Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,*” Jesus proclaims, but “*he who humbles himself will be exalted*” (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and “*at the resurrection of the just,*” He will say to you, “*Friend, move up higher*” (Luke 14:10; 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you “*in the presence of a noble,*” where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, “*do not neglect to do good and to share what you have*” (Heb. 13:16) and “*do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers*” (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

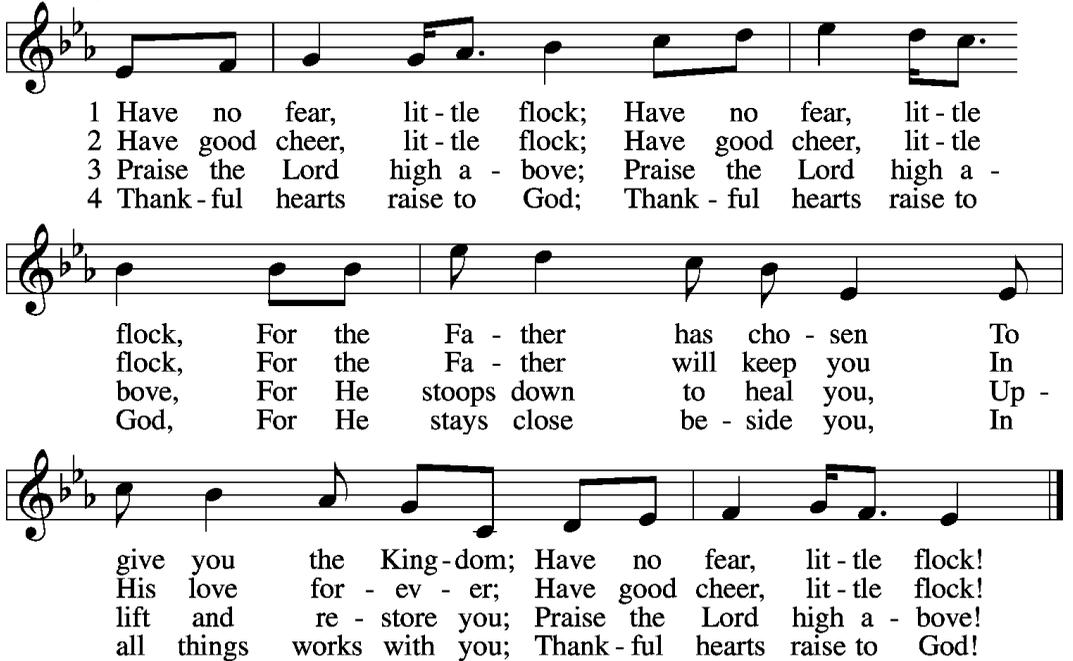
CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Stand

Invocation (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession: (We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution: (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddot{\text{I}}\cdot$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit: (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)
Ps. 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps. 75:7

It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.

**For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,**

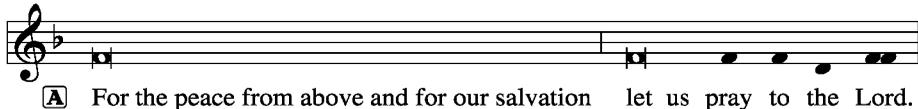
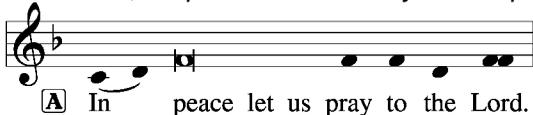
But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

Kyrie: (*Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.*) LSB 152





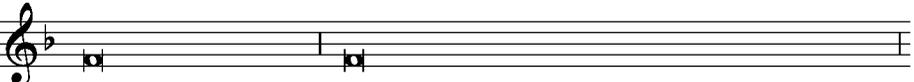
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



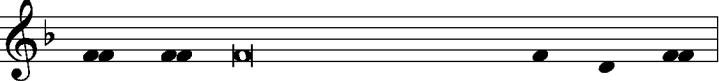
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise: *(Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)*



Refrain



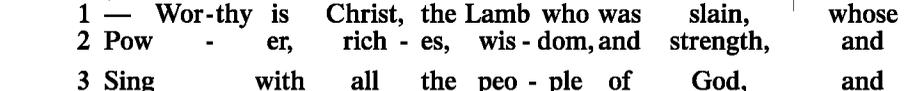
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



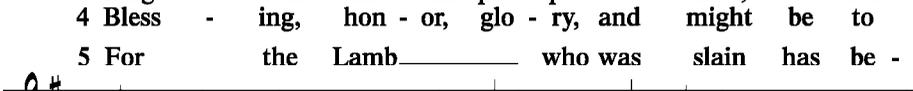
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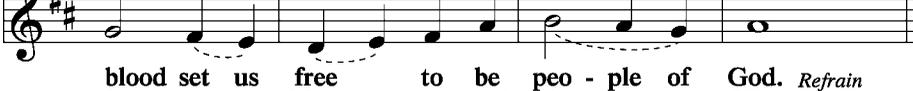
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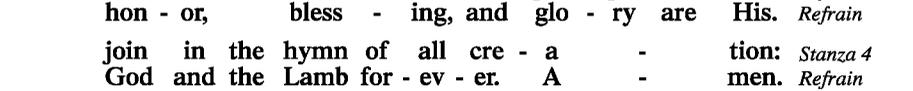
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



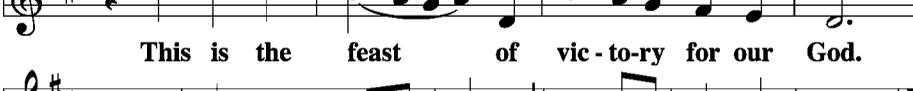
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



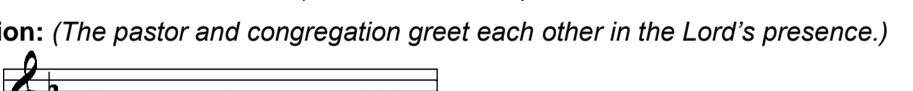
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Salutation: (*The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.*)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect: (*Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.*)

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: (*Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.*)

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2-10

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Proverbs, the twenty-fifth chapter

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.*)

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-17

A Today's Epistle reading is from Hebrews, the thirteenth chapter

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C 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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



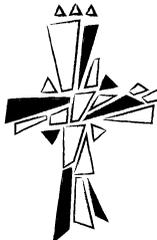
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit



Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Sermon "The One Who Invited You Will Exalt You"

Luke 14:10

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

Create in Me

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

Prayer of the Church: *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

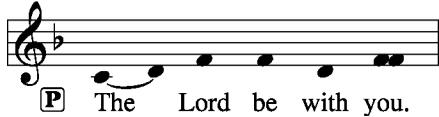
Close of the Prayers

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

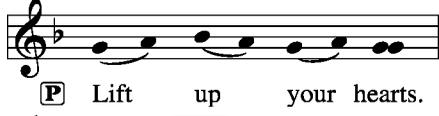
Preface: *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)* LSB 160



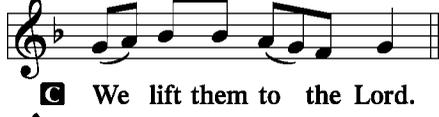
P The Lord be with you.



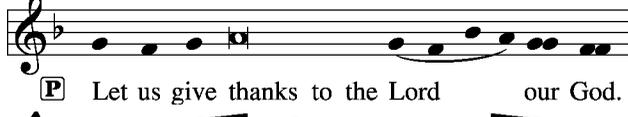
C And al - so with you.



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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)* LSB 161



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(We thank God for His gift of His incarnate Son Jesus and ask Him to give what He has promised in the Sacrament.)* LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Words of Our Lord: *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini: (Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.) LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

Agnus Dei: (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.) LSB 163



A 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.

Sit

Distribution

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav' n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour — In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.





1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessèd food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle: *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect: *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

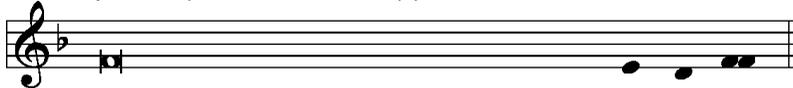
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 sts. ref, 1-6



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

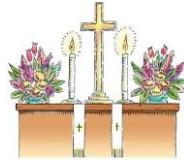
Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today were given to the Glory of God by the Rohde and Kasper families in celebration of the birthdays of David Rohde and Troy Kasper on the 29th.

August 28th, 2016

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

Aug. Elders:	Vince Kaiser M. W. Kasper	Organist(s):	June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub) Kim Appel (Sub)
Ushers:	Galen Bunte Charlie Johannessen	Aug. Altar Guild:	Libby Caldwell June Parker
Sep. Elders:	Chad Catron Ed Randle	Sep. Altar Guild:	Nelda Rohde Wendy Rohde
Ushers:	Cliff Burns Jim Duty		

	Readers:		Acolytes:
Aug. 28	Frank Nevins	Aug. 28	Barrett Watson & Gene Brown
Sep. 4	Bernie Satterwhite	Sep. 4	Ramon Wolff & Brenden Kadlecek
Sep. 11	Davey Kadlecek	Sep. 11	David Wolff & Sterling Brown
Sep. 18	John Stelling	Sep. 18	BAZAAR
Sep. 25	Debbie Higgins	Sep. 25	Alex Caldwell & Thomas Brown

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to www.glcs.org and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Aug. 28</u>	<u>Mon. Aug. 29</u>	<u>Tues. Aug. 30</u>	<u>Wed. Aug. 31</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11a Brd. of Ed Mtg			10a GLLC Chapel 6p Midweek Kick Off
<u>Thurs. Sep. 1</u>	<u>Fri. Sep. 2</u>	<u>Sat. Sep. 3</u>	<u>Sun. Sep. 4</u>
	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion SS Mission Sunday-Texas A&M

FINANCIALS – as of Aug. 21st, 2016

	<u>Aug. 7</u>	<u>Aug. 14</u>	<u>Aug. 21</u>	<u>Aug. 28</u>
General Offering	4,283.00	4,602.00	4,009.00	
2016 Weekly Budget goal	4,188.27	4,188.27	4,188.27	4,188.27
Difference	94.73	413.73	-179.27	
SS Offering	41.00	34.00	31.00	
GLLC Donations	65.00	400.00		

Sunday Worship (8/21) Sunday School (8/21)

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Annie Mae Rohde, Pauline Dickson, Eleanore Brantley, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz
Long Term Health Concerns:	Nelson Teinert (Linda Read's cousin), Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadleceks father)
Battling Cancer:	Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Carolyn Smith, Kelly Tumaian (the Langer's daughter), Amber Vydrazal (niece of Donna Kadlecek), Charlene Frerich (the Johannessen's daughter), Linda Jolly (friend of the Rohde's), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Regina Reeves, Coey Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), Rick Fowler (friend of the Langer,s), George Neave (friend of GLLC), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Jo Ann Copeland, Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), Jamie Evans (friend of GLLC), Kelsey Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper), Melissa Wellman (friend of the Langer's), Nikki & Luke Rivera (friends of Kim Kunz), Pete Luna
Recent Health Concerns:	Sandra Senn (teacher of Gene Brown III), Sergio Zamora (co-worker of Donna Zimmerhanel), Barbara & Charlie Johannessen, Charlotte Metzler, Ivan Fritsche, Aaron Atsye (friend of the Deapens), Johnnie

	<p>Kalina, Lee Hampton, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallace's, Shirley Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), Mildred Buscha, Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, Robert Miller, LaVerne Wallace, Mark Bunte, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Frank Werner (friend of Courtney Pietsch), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Loretta & Mike Grassmuck (friends of Wendy Rohde), Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadlecek's), Mark Trudell (Brooke Deapen's father), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Willie Smith (Ryan Smith's father), Becky Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), Donna, Holly & Carl Barrera, (friends of Patsy Wiggins), Tom Brown (son of Kathleen Brohlin), Ashley Miller (friend of Kim Kunz), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Fred Barkley (friend of the Langer's), Edna Mayfield (daughter of Kikue & Clarence Hannusch), Kenneth Matocha (friend of Daniel Kadlecek), Samuel Engman, George Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), Kikue Hannusch, Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Lisa Ladewig (granddaughter of Esther Hoskins), Jayden Anderson (3 yr. old- friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Jordon Nitsche (friend of Frances Pool), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), Jordan Burleson, Esther Hoskins, Garrette Hoffman, Charley Rae Furr, (friend of Donna Zimmerhanel), Evelyn Tinberg (Alvie's sister-in-law), Floyd Meeks, Christopher Harms (friend of the Metzler's).</p>
In the Military:	<p>Giancarlo Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison & Dan Martin, Kenneth Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock), Beck Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).</p>
Other Prayer Requests:	<p>Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Joan Pullin, (friend of the Rohde's), Fred Barkley (friend of the Langer's), Kevin O'Dwyer, Karen & Phil Duhert (friends of Frances Pool & Juanita Bertsch, Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Joshua Zimmerhanel, Albert Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langer's), Gabriel Bullara (Melissa Brown's grandson), Sloan Davidson (friend of the Flora's), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother).</p>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School lesson for this week focuses on the story of "The Saints in Heaven." The saints in heaven praise God for His power and glory and wisdom. God, who is all powerful, loving, and wise, will answer our prayers, as He has promised. Parents could discuss, *"Where do we sing praises to God like the saints in heaven?" "How are the words of our songs of praise similar to theirs?"*



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position



Midweek Kickoff 2016

The Evangelism committee will be hosting a pizza and ice cream party for our midweek kickoff event this year on **Wednesday, August 31 at 6 PM**. Come and meet your teachers and see your classroom for the year, and enjoy a delicious meal. Members of the congregation are asked to bring their favorite ice cream to share; the evangelism committee will be supplying pizza, drinks, and toppings. Make sure to attend this fun event, and bring your friends!

Midweek Meal Sign-Up Fall 2016

Midweek classes begin anew this fall on **Wednesday, September 7**. Each week, we provide a light meal for the children and adults in attendance. We're looking for volunteers to help with this task; individuals, families, and groups from the congregation are encouraged to sign up on the sheet outside the office in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Christian education at Grace through this labor of love!



HELP KEEP
OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Please keep our church beautiful by picking up any debris that you might find in and around your pews and discarding in trash receptacles. This will surely help in maintaining a tidy image

for our members and visitors when they are looking for a place to worship. Our Custodian cleans on Fridays but with all our church functions during the week, we can get pretty messy. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

GLC Trustees



GRACE LWML

All ladies of Grace are invited to join us for a Birthday Celebration.

Sunday September 11 at 5:30 p.m.

**Bassano Restaurant,
114 Tahitian Drive, Bastrop**

*Angel will be driving the van and it will
leave from Grace at 5:00 p.m.*

**Happy
Birthday**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

September 4th, 2016

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Epistle Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-35

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for August 28-Sept. 3, 2016

Invocation

I In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Introit (Bulletin, p. 3)

Learn by Heart: *The 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Its Meaning*

Daily Readings

Sunday: 1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-18

Monday: 1 Kings 11:42-12:19; 2 Corinthians 7:1-16

Tuesday: 1 Kings 12:20-13:34; 2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Wednesday: 1 Kings 16:29-17:24; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Thursday: 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23

Friday: 1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22

Saturday: 1 Kings 19:1-21; Ephesians 3:1-21

Hymn of the Week: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" (LSB 842, Bulletin, p. 9)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the following resources: Bulletin, p. 20-21; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; LSB pp.305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's gift of faith

Monday: For the unemployed

Tuesday: For the sick and suffering

Wednesday: For husbands and wives

Thursday: For missionaries

Friday: For those persecuted as Christians

Saturday: For those fallen from the faith

Collect (Bulletin, p. 5-6)

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

I The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

R Amen.