

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**With Communion**



*Who is faithful in little is faithful in much*  
LUKE 16:10

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Divine Service 8:30 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,** Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

**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**

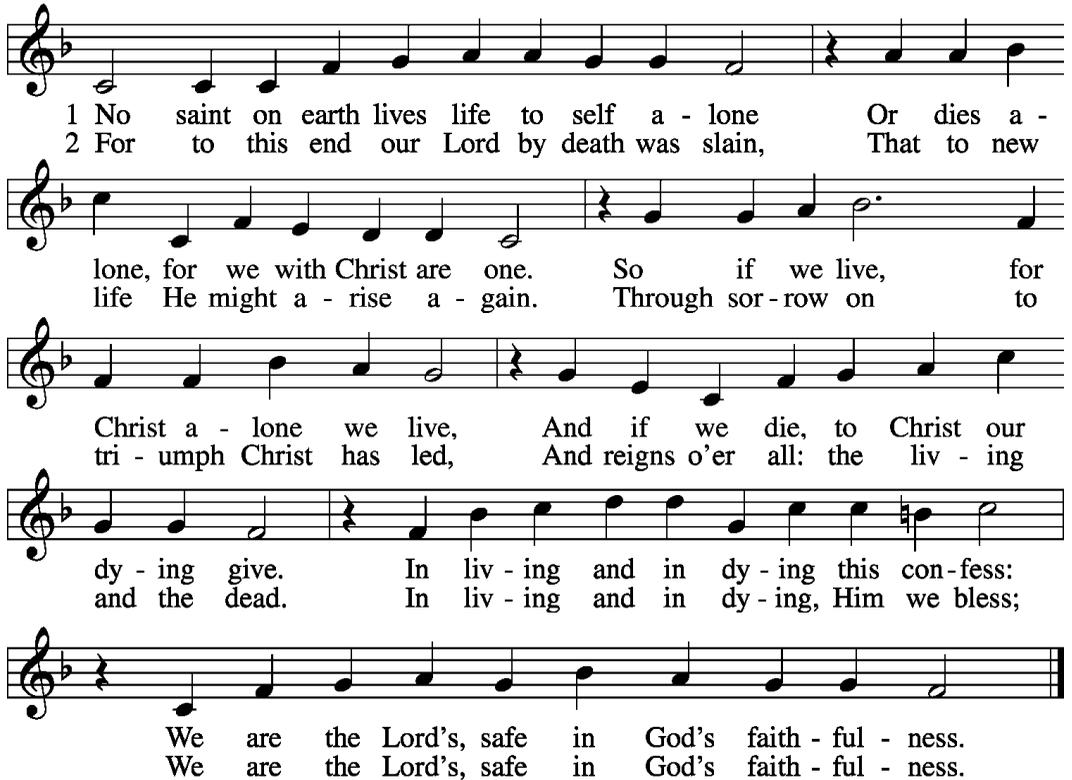
**CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME**

# No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone

LSB 747



1 No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone Or dies a -  
2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain, That to new  
lone, for we with Christ are one. So if we live, for  
life He might a - rise a - gain. Through sor - row on to  
Christ a - lone we live, And if we die, to Christ our  
tri - umph Christ has led, And reigns o'er all: the liv - ing  
dy - ing give. In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:  
and the dead. In liv - ing and in dy - ing, Him we bless;  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.  
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*  
*Ps. 30:2-5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b*

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

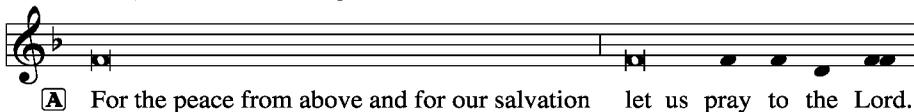
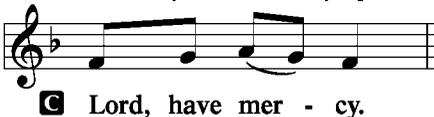
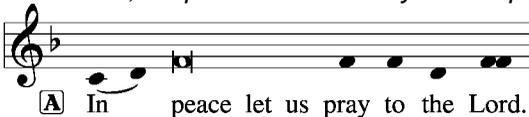
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

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

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- ever!

**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.)*

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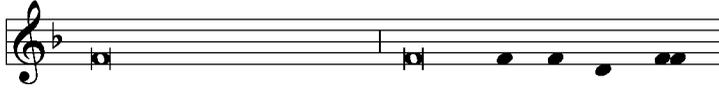




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



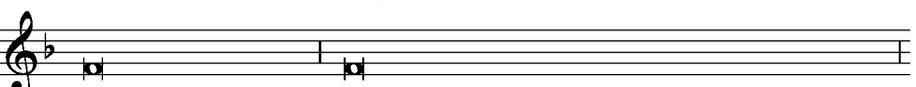
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



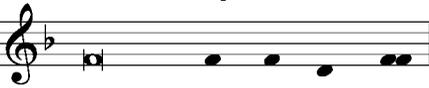
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



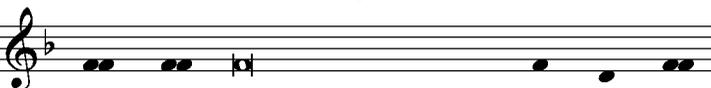
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.*)

# This Is the Feast

LSB 155

*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.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 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, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

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

### Old Testament Reading

*Amos 8:4-7*

**A** Today's Old Testament reading is from Amos, the eighth chapter

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

**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

*1 Timothy 2:1-15*

**A** Today's Epistle reading is from I Timothy, the second chapter

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,

<sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Common Alleluia and Verse

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**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 16:1-15

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?"

<sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

**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.)*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

**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.)*

## How Great Thou Art

LSB 801



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## Sermon "Throwing Ourselves on the Mercy of Jesus"

Luke 16:8

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

## Votum

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- 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** let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

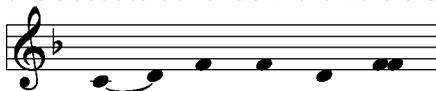
*Close of the Prayers*

- 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.



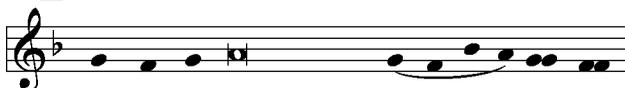
**C** And al - so with you.



**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.

**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.**

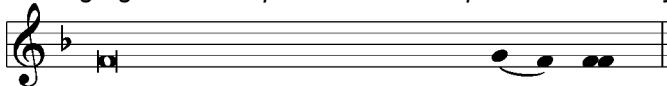
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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.



**C** 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



**C** 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

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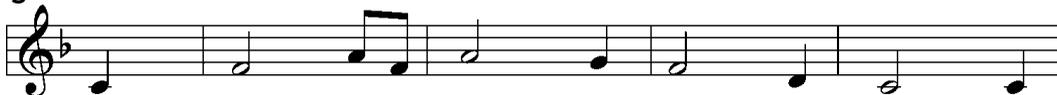
Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

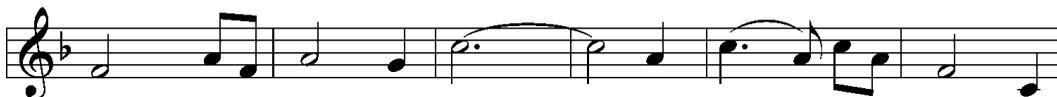
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,  
 blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to  
 Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# Amazing Grace

LSB 744 sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- ☑ 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.)*



☑ 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

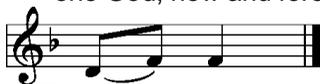


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

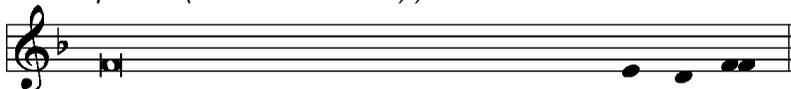
**P** Let us pray.

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.



**G** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**G** A - men.

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### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770



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 thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? 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 thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

### **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**

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.**

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**Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service**

<b>Sep. Elders:</b>	<b>Chad Catron Ed Randle</b>	<b>Organist(s):</b>	<b>June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub) Kim Appel (Sub)</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Cliff Burns Jim Duty</b>	<b>Sep. Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Nelda Rohde Wendy Rohde</b>

	<b>Readers:</b>		<b>Acolytes:</b>
<b>Sep. 18</b>	<b>BAZAAR</b>	<b>Sep. 18</b>	<b>BAZAAR</b>
<b>Sep. 25</b>	<b>Debbie Higgins</b>	<b>Sep. 25</b>	<b>Alex Caldwell &amp; Thomas Brown</b>

**VISIT WITH PASTOR**

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.glcs.org) and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.



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

**AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<u>Sun. Sep. 18</u>	<u>Mon. Sep. 19</u>	<u>Tues. Sep. 20</u>	<u>Wed. Sep. 21</u>
8:30a Worship/ Communion BAZAAR	6p GLLC Mtg 7p Evangelism		10a GLLC Chapel 1p Ministerial Alliance Mtg MIDWEEK SCHEDULE (See below)
<u>Thurs. Sep. 22</u>	<u>Fri. Sep. 23</u>	<u>Sat. Sep. 24</u>	<u>Sat. Sep. 25</u>
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/Noon	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11a Brd of Ed 6:00p Youth Group Bowling

\*MID WEEK SCHEDULE

6:00p Mid Week Meal  
6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages

**FINANCIALS – as of Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

	<b>Sep. 4</b>	<b>Sep. 11</b>	<b>Sep. 18</b>	<b>Sep. 25</b>
General Offering	5,195.75	3,664.00		
2016 Weekly Budget goal	4,188.27	4,188.27		
Difference	<b>1,007.48</b>	<b>-524.27</b>		
SS Offering	32.00	25.00		
GLLC Donations	50.00	25.00		

Sunday Worship (9/11)    Sunday School (9/11)

**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:	<b>Charlotte Metzler, Lucy Tinberg, Annie Mae Rohde, Pauline Dickson, Eleanore Brantley, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz</b>
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Nelson Teinert (Linda Read's cousin), Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadleceks father)</b>
Battling Cancer:	<b>Jim Caldwell &amp; Rob Scoggins (friends of the Rohde's), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Carolyn Smith, Kelly Tumaian (the Langer's daughter), Amber Vydral (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</b>

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Sunday School this week students studied "The Fall of Jericho." We are reminded that God is our mighty fortress who delivers us from the false walls of our sin and saves us in the true Joshua, (Jesus) that we might become and remain His people. Ask students, "What did the people of Jericho think their wall (fortress) would do for them? What does God our Fortress do for us?"



Our last stint for this year will be **November 7 through 12.** Please volunteer if you can!



### **Midweek Meal Sign-Up** **Fall 2016**

Midweek classes continue this fall on **Wednesdays.** 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**



## **CPH BOOK SALE**

Are you looking for a new devotional? Do you need some new ideas for your family devotions at home? Would you like to get some Christian gifts for your family and friends? Stop by the CPH Book Fair tables in the parish hall to look through some of your options, or browse their entire selection online at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org). Order forms are available for you to fill out and turn in by September 25. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

After September 25, the church will place the group order, and we'll let you know when your books are in. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor or Kristin Appel.



**THY STRONG WORD on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO.org.** We study the ten plagues in the Book of Exodus. Tune in!  
Mon, Sep 19 --- Exodus 7 "The First Plague: Water Turned to Blood"  
Tues, Sep 20 --- Exodus 8 "The Second, Third and Fourth Plagues"  
Wed, Sep 21 --- Exodus 9 "The Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Plagues"  
Thurs, Sep 22 --- Exodus 10 "The Eighth and Ninth Plagues"  
Fri, Sep 23 --- Exodus 11 "A Final Plague Threatened"  
Weekdays @ 11am Central Time. Archived at [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org). Follow us on [Facebook.com/KFUOradio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio).



**Youth Group Bowling Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, September 25, our youth group will be going to Bastrop to go bowling. Come to church at 6 PM, and we'll start with prayer and Bible study. After that, we'll carpool to Bastrop (parents, please let Pastor Appel know if you can drive) and bowl for an hour. We'll be back to Smithville between 8:00 and 8:30. \$5 will help cover the cost of bowling; you can bring extra money for snacks if you want. Please talk to Pastor Appel if you have any questions. Come and enjoy this time together as brothers and sisters in Christ!

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Feast of St. Michael and All Angels**  
Old Testament Reading:  
Daniel 10: 10-14 12:1-3  
Epistle Reading: Revelation 12:7-12  
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:17-20



# The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

## Order for Family Devotions for September 18-24, 2016

### Invocation

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

☞ *Amen.*

**Introit** (Bulletin, p. 3)

**Learn by Heart:** *Romans 3:23-24*

### Daily Readings

*Sunday:* Nehemiah 1:1-2:10; 1 Timothy 1:1-20

*Monday:* Nehemiah 2:11-20, 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-15

*Tuesday:* Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16

*Wednesday:* Nehemiah 5:1-16, 6:1-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16

*Thursday:* Nehemiah 7:1-4, 8:1-18; 1 Timothy 5:1-16

*Friday:* Nehemiah 9:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

*Saturday:* Nehemiah 9:22-38; 1 Timothy 6:3-21

**Hymn of the Week:** "How Great Thou Art" (LSB 801, 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. 18-19 ; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; LSB pp.305-318)

*Sunday:* Thanksgiving for God's Word

*Monday:* For peace and good government

*Tuesday:* For the addicted and despairing

*Wednesday:* For those who mourn

*Thursday:* For fruitful use of the Sacrament

*Friday:* For the preaching of the cross

*Saturday:* For our visitors to the Divine Service

**Collect** (Bulletin, p. 5-6)

**Apostles' Creed**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer**

**Benediction**

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

☞ *Amen.*