

July 16th, 2017
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
With Communion



*What was sown on the good soil
is the man who hears the word
and understands it. MATT. 13:23*

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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: As *“the rain and the snow come down from heaven”* and *“water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout”* (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as *“an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off”* (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and *“indeed bears fruit”* (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who *“have received the Spirit of adoption as sons”* (Rom. 8:15). Thus being *“led by the Spirit of God,”* we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we *“also be glorified with him”* (Rom. 8:17).

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



1 In the ver - y midst of life Snares of death sur - round us;
 2 In the midst of death's dark vale Pow'rs of hell o'er - take us.
 3 In the midst of ut - ter woe When our sins op - press us,



Who shall help us in the strife Lest the foe con - found us?
 Who will help when they as - sail, Who se - cure will make us?
 Where shall we for ref - uge go, Where for grace to bless us?



Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly! We mourn that we have great - ly
 Thou on - ly, Lord, Thou on - ly! Thy heart is moved with ten - der -
 To Thee, Lord Je - sus, on - ly! Thy pre - cious blood was shed to



erred, That our sins Thy wrath have stirred. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
 ness, Pit - ies us in our dis - tress. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!
 win Full a - tone - ment for our sin. Ho - ly and righ - teous God!



Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
 Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
 Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful



Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us lest we per - ish
 Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us from the ter - ror
 Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Lord, pre - serve and keep us



In the bit - ter pangs of death. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
 Of the fi - ery pit of hell. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
 In the peace that faith can give. Have mer - cy, O Lord!

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † 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. 103:15-19; antiphon: Ps. 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

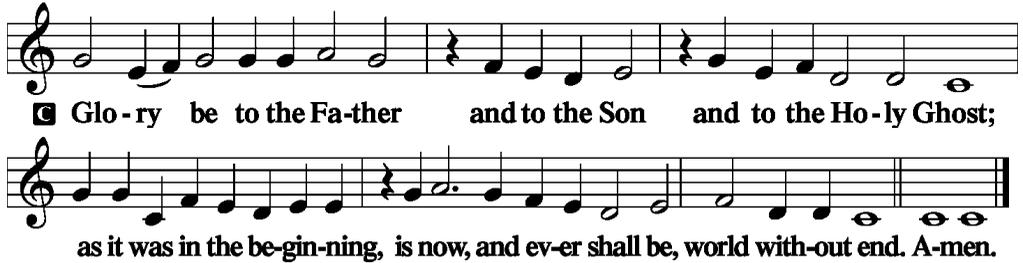
**As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

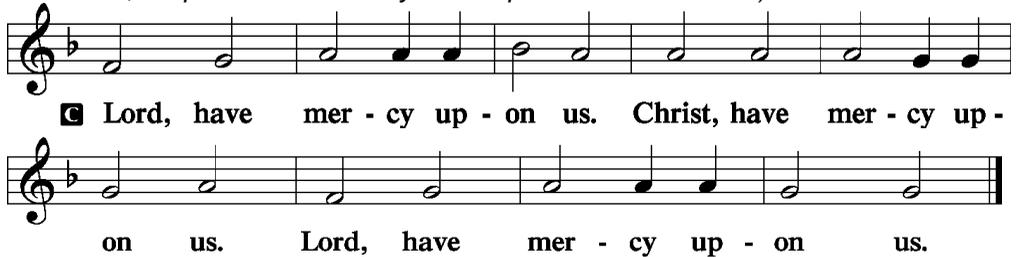
to those who keep his covenant
 and remember to do his commandments.
**The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
 and his kingdom rules over all.**
 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Gloria Patri



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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 186

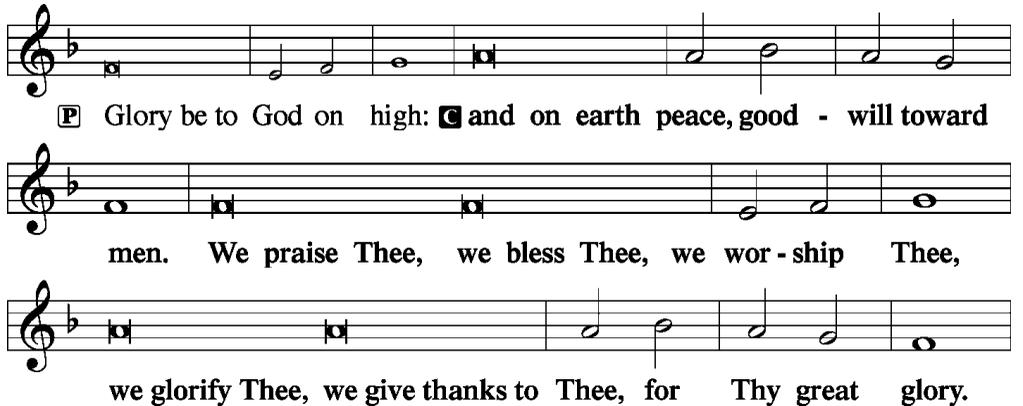


G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.)

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



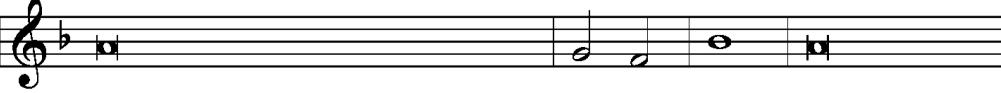
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



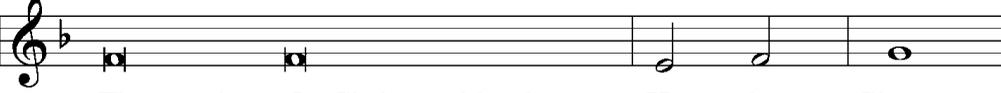
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

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.

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.

Sit

Children's Message

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

Rom. 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

A Today's Epistle reading is from Romans, the eighth chapter.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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 ✝ of the world to come. 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.)*

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon "Hearing and Sharing God's Word"

Matthew 13:9

(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.*) LSB 192



C 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: (*At peace with God through Jesus, we greet each other in that 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 194



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

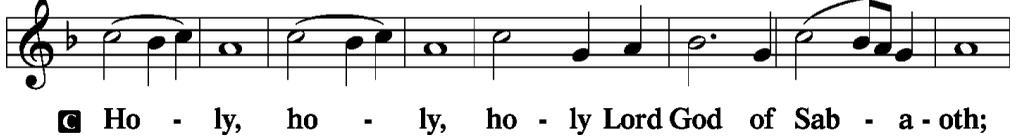
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

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 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, 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.)*

- 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.

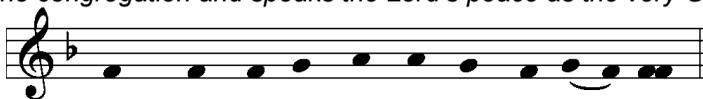
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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."
- P** 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 197



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 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.





1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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.
- G** 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.)*

Nunc Dimittis

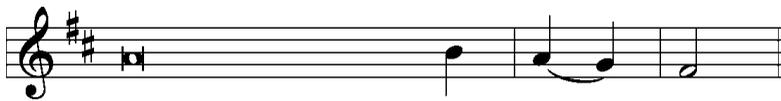
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G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



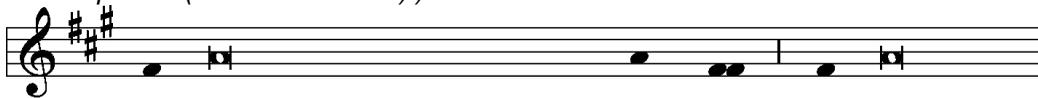
A Bless we the Lord.



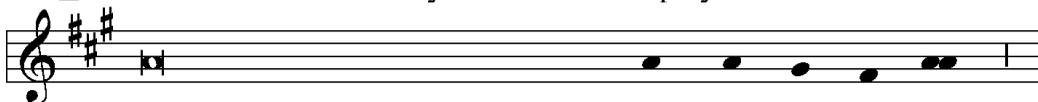
C Thanks be to God.

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 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

LSB 577



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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

July 16th, 2017

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

		Organist(s):
July Elders:	Cliff Burns Chad Catron	June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub)
Ushers:	Vince Kaiser M. W. Kasper	Kim Appel (Sub)
Trustees:	Allan Hancock Gary Smith	July Altar Guild: Libby Caldwell June Parker
	Readers:	Acolytes:
Jul 16	Bernie Satterwhite	Jul 16 Thomas Brown & Barrett Watson
Jul 23	Nancy Fritsche	Jul 23 Ramon Wolff & Juniper Smith
Jul 30	Dana Bunte	Jul 30 Alex Caldwell & Sterling 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. Jul 16</u>	<u>Mon. Jul 17</u>	<u>Tues. Jul 18</u>	<u>Wed. Jul 19</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 3p Nursing Home Devotions	6p GLLC Mtg		10a GLLC Chapel 1p Ministerial Alliance 6p Adult Bible Study
<u>Thurs. Jul 20</u>	<u>Fri. Jul 21</u>	<u>Sat. Jul 22</u>	<u>Sun. Jul 23</u>
	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11a Brd of Ed Mtg

FINANCIALS – as of July 9th, 2017

	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
General Offering	3,450.00	3,800.00	4,448.00	4,304.00	111,290.30
2016 Weekly goal	3,954.04	3,954.04	3,954.04	3,954.04	110,713.12
Difference	-504.04	-154.04	493.96	349.96	577.18
SS Offering	29.00	39.00	57.00	34.00	
GLLC Donations		610.00	145.00		

Sunday Worship (7/9) 140 Sunday School (7/9) 42

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Abraham was a matchmaker. Today in Sunday School, our children study the efforts Abraham made to ensure that his son Isaac would marry a person who loved God in the account “Isaac and Rebekah.” God commands that I honor marriage and family. Thank God for the salvation He provides through His Son, Jesus. As a family, discuss, *“How can we honor God as parents and children?”*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



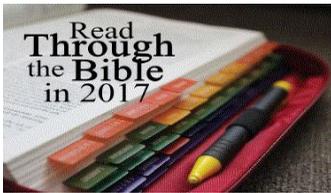
If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108)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

In the Nursing Home:	Charlene & RC Franke (Ann Schroder’s siblings), Mildred Karcher, Lorine Vogel, Charlotte Metzler, Lucy & Alvie Tinberg, Annie Mae Rohde, Eleanore Brantley, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck’s mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek’s father)
Battling Cancer:	Freddie Willey, Paul Dronge (friend of the Stellings), Nancy Flora, Linda Braddock, Adam Higgins, Billy Duty (Marilyn Randle & Jim Duty’s brother), Bill Haley (friend of the Rohde’s), Jim Caldwell & Rob Scoggins (friends of the Rohde’s), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper’s friend), Charlene Frerich (the Johannessen’s daughter), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins),

	<p>Coey Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), 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),</p>
Recent Health Concerns:	<p>Mary Ann Duty, Frank Nevins, Viola Halbrader (Betty's mother), Walter Stolle, Stephanie Kadlecek, Heather Davis, Elbert Bradshaw, Jr., Jeff Hannusch, Barry Trask, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Nancy Fritsche, Frances Pool, Kevin Vinklarek, Sabrina Poehler (friend of Chad Catron), Elizabeth Magers (friend of the Rohde's), Katherine Benedix, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Jensen Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Barbara & Charlie Johannessen, Aaron Atsyne (friend of the Deapens, Johnnie 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, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), 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), 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), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Samuel Engman, George Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), Kikue Hannusch, Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), Christopher Harms (friend of the Metzler's).</p>
In the Military:	<p>Justin Teague, Giancarlo Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison Whitney, Kenneth Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock).</p>
Other Prayer Requests:	<p>Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), 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), Sloan Davidson (friend of the Flora's), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)</p>

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Ed Randle is currently leading an adult Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM during the summer, studying 2 Peter. All are welcome to attend!



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2017

God's blessings as you continue to read through the Bible during this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. If you miss a few days, don't be afraid to start anew! *The plan for the whole month of July is in your newsletter, and these same readings are included for you in the daily devotions on the back of your bulletin each week as well.*

WORK AT GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application.

SUPPORT FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Here's a significant new way you can support Faith Lutheran High School! It's called "Forty Days for Faith." The concept is simple. During the 2017-2018 school year, commit to praying for FLHS and supporting FLHS financially every day for forty straight days. You can pick up a letter with all of the details, as well as a commitment form, in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider how you can support FLHS this coming school year!



July 30, 2017

**Potluck/Voters Meeting
Following Service**

July 23rd, 2017

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:18-27

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

DAVE ANDERSON AND ROGER WALCK IN CONCERT:



On Wednesday, **July 26th at 7:00 pm, Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester** will be hosting an evening of praise and worship with Dave Anderson and Roger Walck of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, Arizona. Shepherd's Canyon is a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS providing retreats and counseling for pastors and church workers. The concert will include Gospel music, old time Sunday School songs, Contemporary Christian music and stories of God's grace and mercy. Please come and bring friends for a great time! A free will offering will be received to benefit Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for July 16-22, 2017

Invocation

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

✠ Amen.

Introit (Bulletin, p. 3-4)

Learn by Heart: *The 2nd Article of the Creed and Its Meaning*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Matthew 11; 1 Kings 18-19

Monday: Matthew 12:1-21; 1 Kings 20-22

Tuesday: Matthew 12:22-50; 2 Kings 1-2

Wednesday: Matthew 13:1-35; 2 Kings 3-4

Thursday: Matthew 13:36-58; 2 Kings 5-7

Friday: Proverbs 14:1-19; Psalms 90-91

Saturday: Day off, or make up a reading you missed earlier in the week

Hymn of the Week: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655, 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. 21-22; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; LSB pp.305-318)

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection

Monday: For the salvation of our neighbors

Tuesday: For those struggling with sin

Wednesday: For parents and children

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors

Friday: For the spread of the Gospel

Saturday: For faithfulness until death

Collect (Bulletin, p. 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.