

July 23rd, 2017
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
With Communion



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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: The good Seed, which is *“the Son of Man,”* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *“the sons of the kingdom”* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *“both grow together until the harvest”* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *“the King of Israel and his Redeemer”* (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *“fear not, nor be afraid”* (Is. 44:8). For *“the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God”* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *“the Spirit helps us in our weakness”* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *“the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us”* (Rom. 8:18).

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.

Guest Pastor, Today our congregation extends a warm welcome to Pastor Leif Hasskarl. We give thanks for the Word of God that he proclaims among us!

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
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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. 86:11-15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life, and they do not set you before them.

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

Gloria Patri

☐ 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

☐ 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

☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ 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;



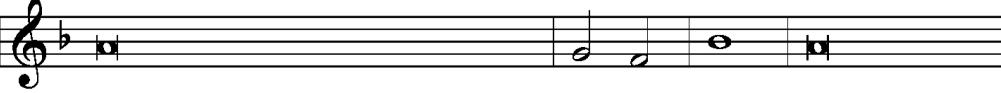
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



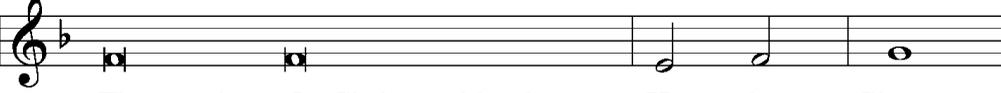
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the forty-fourth chapter

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

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 8:18-27

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

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, 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

G 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.

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.)*

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Sermon "How Can They Hear?"

Romans 10

(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.*) 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 unto 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



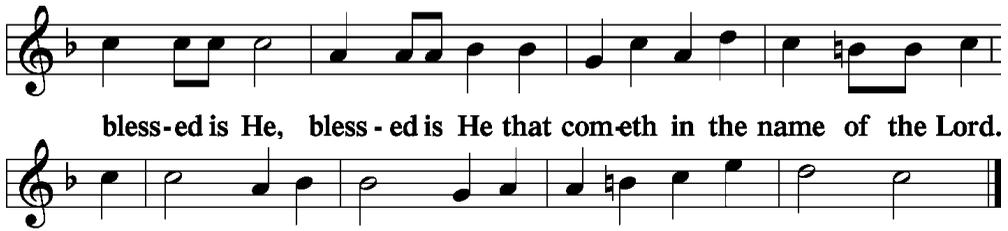
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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,



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.)*

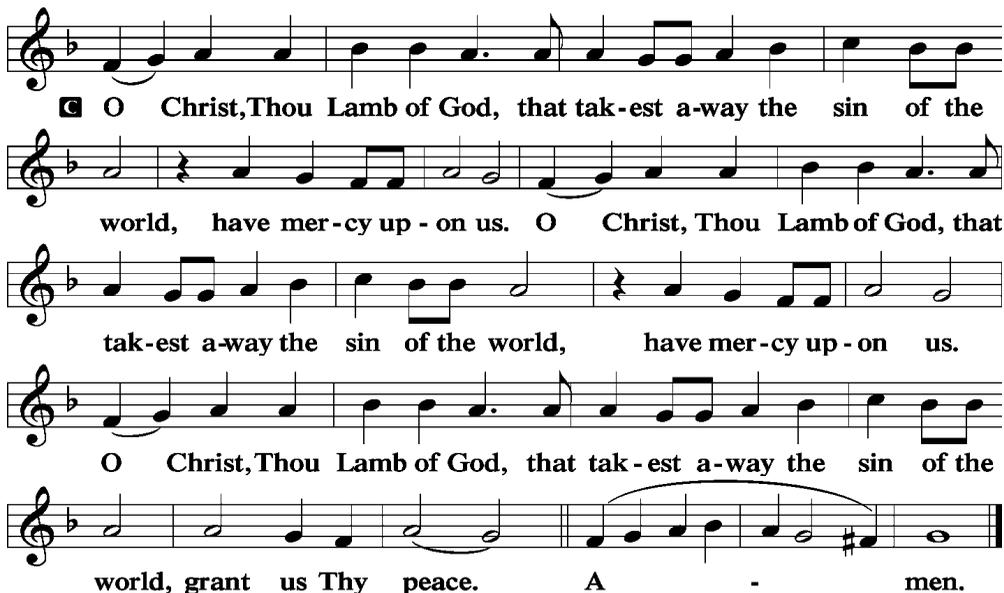
LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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



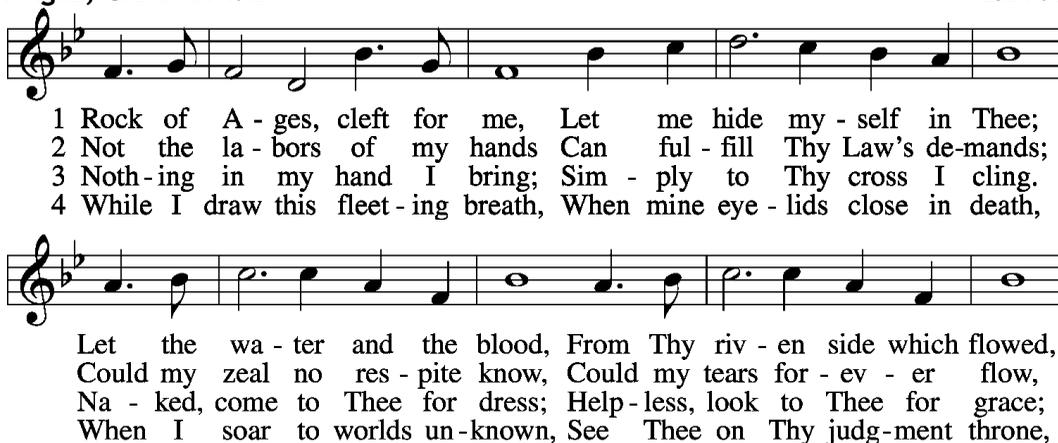
□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,
Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

Stand

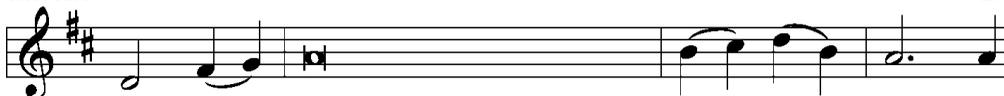
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- ☐ 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.)*

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



☑ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. 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

P 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.

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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

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!

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 30, 2017
Potluck/Voters Meeting
Following Service

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.

July 23rd, 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) Kim Appel (Sub)
Ushers:	Vince Kaiser M. W. Kasper	July Altar Guild:
Trustees:	Allan Hancock Gary Smith	Libby Caldwell June Parker

Readers:
Jul 23 Nancy Fritsche
Jul 30 Dana Bunte

Acolytes:
Jul 23 Ramon Wolff & Juniper Smith
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 23</u>	<u>Mon. Jul 24</u>	<u>Tues. Jul 25</u>	<u>Wed. Jul 26</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion	8a Braille 5p Piecemakers		
<u>Thurs. Jul 27</u>	<u>Fri. Jul 28</u>	<u>Sat. Jul 29</u>	<u>Sun. Jul 30</u>
Newsletter Deadline/ Noon	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11a Potluck/Voters Mtg

FINANCIALS – as of July 16th, 2017

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	Y-T-D
General Offering	4,448.00	4,304.00	4,241.58		115,531.88
2016 Weekly goal	3,954.04	3,954.04	3,954.04	3,954.04	114,667.16
Difference	493.96	349.96	287.54		864.72
SS Offering	57.00	34.00	38.00		
GLLC Donations	145.00		610.00		

Sunday Worship (7/16) 138

Sunday School (7/16) 45

SUNDAY SCHOOL

God commands that I respect my neighbor's things. In the Bible account "Achan's Sin," students learn how the devil tempts Achan to take what does not belong to him. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God forgives us when we are tempted to take what is not ours and strengthens us to respect our neighbor. Discuss, "How can we show our neighbors that we respect their property?"

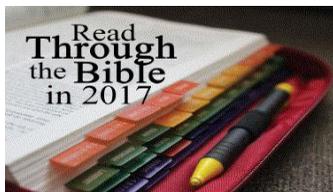
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



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 Prange (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, Jeff Hannusch, Barry Trask, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, 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 Atsye (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>Teresa Garcia, 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>



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.*

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!



Opening Worship Service

Faith Lutheran High School is opening this fall with a freshman class! Before the school year begins, we will be having our opening worship service on **Sunday, August 20 at 4 PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda**. The service will be led by area pastors, and Pastor Ken Hennings, president of the Texas District, will be on hand to install Mrs. Nikki Kueck as our first administrator and Mr. Jonathan Kueck as our first teacher. The service will be followed by a light meal provided by ladies' groups in area congregations; those who attend are asked to bring a dessert to share. Please join us as we give thanks to God for how far He has already brought Faith Lutheran High School and pray His continued blessings upon this important endeavor for years to come!

July 30th, 2017

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for July 23-29, 2017

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Introit (Bulletin, p. 3-4)

Learn by Heart: *The 3rd Article of the Creed and Its Meaning*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Matthew 14; 2 Kings 8-9

Monday: Matthew 15; 2 Kings 10-13

Tuesday: Matthew 16; 2 Kings 14-15

Wednesday: Matthew 17; 2 Kings 16-17

Thursday: Matthew 18; 2 Kings 18-20

Friday: Proverbs 14:20-35; Psalms 92-95

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

Hymn of the Week: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" (*LSB* 826, 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 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. 6)

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

L 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.