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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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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: *Amos did not choose to be a prophet, but the Lord took him “from following the flock” and said to him, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel” (Amos 7:15). It was a hard word given him to preach: King Jeroboam would “die by the sword,” and Israel would “go into exile away from his land” (Amos 7:10–11). For this word, Amos was hated and threatened. St. John the Baptist also suffered for his faithful preaching of repentance. King Herod “sent and seized John and bound him in prison,” even though he knew that John “was a righteous and holy man” (Mark 6:17, 20). Out of pride and fear, Herod “sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head” (Mark 6:27). Yet in Christ, St. John the Baptist “has been raised from the dead” (Mark 6:14, 16). For Christ is the destruction of death itself “before the foundation of the world,” and even now by faith, “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” has blessed us in Christ “with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:3–4). Through Baptism into Christ, you also “were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” for life and salvation (Eph. 1:13).*

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.

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

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

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,
 Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing
 Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love
 us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.
 That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er
 Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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. 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.
For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Gloria Patri



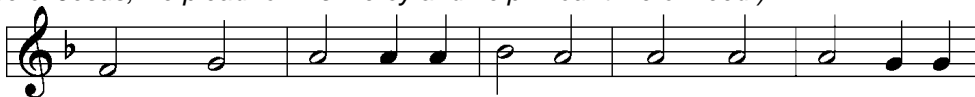
C **Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;**



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



C 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: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



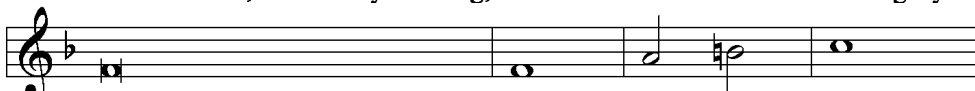
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



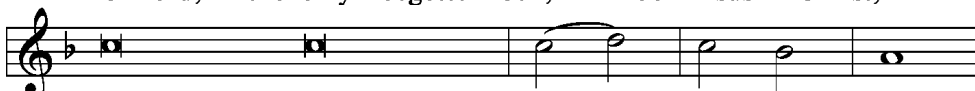
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



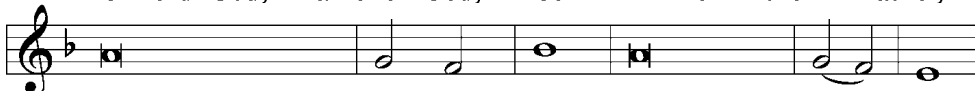
O Lord God, heav’n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



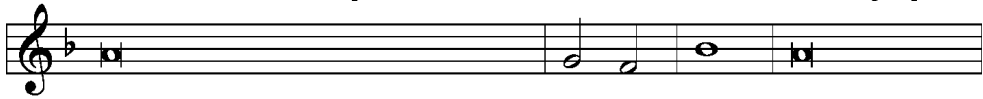
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



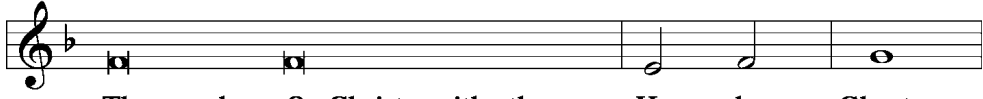
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A-men.

Sit

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

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

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

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

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.)*

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

Ephesians 1:3-14

A Today's Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the first chapter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



G Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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.)*

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

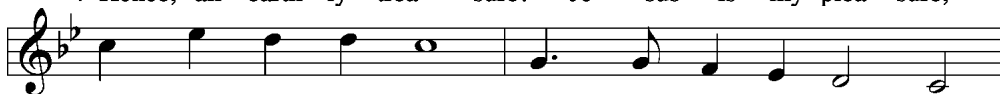
Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

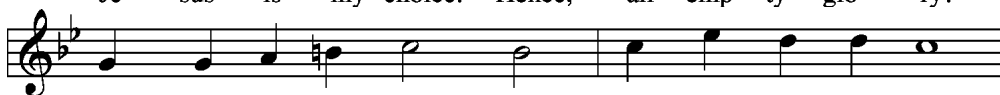
LSB 743



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sermon "God's Plan For Us"

Ephesians 1:3-14

(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 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:

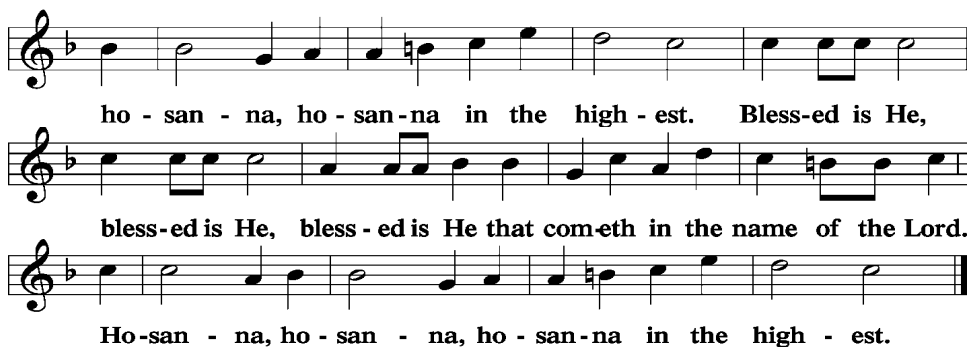
Sanctus: *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)* LSB 195



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,



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.

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 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."
 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

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.

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly
 me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
 Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -
 jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 of my cheer; For He who is of death the
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es
 ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.
Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be
 for my soul the high - est good!

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.

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

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

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
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.)*

A 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

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.

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

July 15TH, 2018

**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

July Elders:	Galen Bunte	Organist(s):	June Parker
	C. Johannessen		Esther Wolff (Sub)
Ushers:	Davey Kadlecsek		Kim Appel (Sub)
	MW Kasper	July Altar	Helen Fleck
Trustees:	Ivan Fritsche	Guild:	Becky Watson
	Gary Smith		

	Readers:		Acolytes:
July 15	Jean Miller	July 15	Adrian Wolff & Joshua Zimmerhanzel
July 22	Bernie Satterwhite	July 22	Marianna Peres & Juniper Smith
July 29	Dana Bunte	July 29	Baylor Watson & David Wolff

Sunday Worship (7/8) 108 Sunday School (7/8) 41

SUNDAY SCHOOL

John the Baptist appears in this week's Sunday School lesson, "John Tells People to Repent." As they study this Bible account, students will learn how God wants them to be sorry for their sins and seek His forgiveness. Consider these discussion questions: *"How did John call the people to repent of their sins? What was John preparing them for? Who calls us to repent?"*

FINANCIALS – as of July 1st, 2018

	June 17	June 24	July 1	July 8	Y-T-D
General Offering	2,891.00	2,415.15	6,001.82	3,038.00	118,378.36
2018 Weekly goal	4,232.69	4,232.69	4,232.69	4,232.69	114,282.63
Difference	(1,341.69)	(1,817.54)	1,769.13	(1,194.69)	4,095.73
SS Offering	46.00	35.00	62.00	35.00	
GLLC Donations	415.00	30.00	45.00	400.00	

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).

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.

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.



Christmas in July

Grace LWML is hosting a "Christmas in July" event on Saturday, July 21st at 10am. We invite all members of the congregation to join us as we prepare new Chrismons for the Christmas tree. We will have Christmas cookies to decorate and other fun things to do to prepare our families for Christmas!! You won't want to miss this fun-filled event!

Quarterly Voters Meeting

Our congregation will have a potluck followed by our quarterly voters meeting after worship on Sunday, July 22. Please join us for this important part of our congregation's life together!



Grace will be at the BAE the week of July 23 to July 28. Hours are 10 to 2 Monday through Thursday and 9 to 2 on Friday and Saturday. Join us as you are able. We appreciate any helpers who come.

Large Print Bulletins

Our congregation offers both large and small print bulletins to those who worship here. Both bulletins contain the entire order of service word-for-word. The only items omitted from the small print bulletins are the hymns that we sing; for that, we make use of the hymnal in order to remind ourselves as a congregation of the treasure that the hymnal is for us in worship and home devotional life. There are many in our congregation whose sight is failing and are unable to read the words as they are printed in the hymnal; the large print bulletin includes the words of the hymns for their benefit. We ask that you please be respectful of those who truly need the large print, in order that large print bulletins will be readily available to them. If you are able to use the smaller print, which requires that you use the hymnal only for the singing of the hymns, we respectfully request that you do so.

St. Paul Teacher Position

St. Paul Lutheran School in Serbin is in search of a 3rd/4th grade teacher. The position is for a full time one year contract, however, a part time contract would be considered. If you know of someone that may be interested please have them forward their resume to stpaulserbin@verizon.net or jhouse@stpaulserbinschool.org

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. July 15</u>	<u>Mon. July 16</u>	<u>Tue. July 17</u>	<u>Wed. July 18</u>
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	6pm GLLC Mtg		10am-GLLC Chapel 1pm-Ministerial Alliance
<u>Thur. July 19</u>	<u>Fri. July 20</u>	<u>Sat. July 21</u>	<u>Sun. July 22</u>
11am-Bible Study	Pastor Away- Family Day	10am-LWML Christmas in July	8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Voters Meeting and potluck after service

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, Charlotte Metzler, Alvie Tinberg, Annie Mae Rohde, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz, Katherine Benedix,,
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Rosie Williams(friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Alleta Holley-Bronaugh (friend of Wendy Rohde), Stephanie Bage (daughter of Juanita Bertsch), Paul Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kimberly Craig), Richard Wilcox (friend of Gene Brown), Becky Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), Paul Prange (friend of the Stellings), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), 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 Geigenmiller), Kelsey Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper)
Recent Health Concerns:	Donna Kadlecek, Brooks Perkins (brother of Stephanie Dittmar), Abigail Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), Kyle Lastovica(friend of Cathy Smith), Charlie Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), Gracie Harmon, Kate Highsmith (Carol Wood's mom), Carolyn Riley(friend of Patti Langer), Tamara Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper, Eugene Randle, Lane Hurst, Alice Miller, August Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), Heather Davis, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Jensen Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Aaron Atsyne (friend of the Deapens), Johnnie Kalina, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), Shirley Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, Robert Miller,

	LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Dutys), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Mike Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Becky Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), 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)
In the Military:	Justin Teague, Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison Whitney, Weston Roudebush (son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	Ramon Wolff, Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Albert Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langers), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)

July 22nd, 2018

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Board of Education Question of the Week

When Jesus sent the disciples out to teach the word of God 2 by 2 he commanded them to take nothing except one thing. What was it?

Last week answer: Daughters

Youth: 11 Adults: 8



Scholarship Program

Have you ever had this thought? "Faith Lutheran High School sounds great, but my family can't afford it." We firmly believe that EVERY family desiring a Christ-centered education for their children should have the opportunity to attend FLHS. We have a Tuition Scholarship Program with funds available. We utilize TADS to disburse these scholarship funds, and EVERY family who applies receives some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS. Give us a call (979-242-2889) to learn more about FLHS and how you can become a part of our family!

Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is open and on-going. We are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Check out FLHS!! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or on our website, at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com.

Youth Camp

Youth camps have been very successful this summer. Thank you to all who have participated! We still have one more left!

July 23-26 - Volleyball Camp - Grades 4 to 10

Cost is \$10 and will be held at FLHS.

Please visit our website for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2018-2019 academic year! Interested individuals who teach in the areas of **science (Biology and Chemistry)** or **fine arts (vocal, instrumental or introduction to art)** may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you in advance!

Mark Your Calendars

Please join us on Sunday, August 19th at 3 pm as we will officially open our second academic school year. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors, with the sermon by Pr. Nate Hill. Offering will be collected for the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert reception will follow.

Wish List

Would you like to help out Faith Lutheran High School by providing us with needed supplies and materials? We have created a wish list on Amazon. It can be found by clicking "Find a List or Registry" under the Accounts and Lists tab and then searching "Faith Lutheran High School" or at the following link: https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/ref=cm_wl_search_1?ie=UTF8&cid=A3VG9TF2RO4008

Volunteers Needed

Many hands make light work for all involved. Each of us are blessed with gifts and talents from the Lord. How can you share your gifts and talents with Faith Lutheran High School? Current needs are installation of archery net, installation of ceiling projector mounts, and more. Call (979) 242-2889 to learn about these opportunities.

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for July 15, 2018-July 21, 2018

Invocation

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

✠ *Amen.*

Learn by Heart: *The 8th Commandment and Its Meaning*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Judges 15:1-16:3; Galatians 3:23-4:11

Monday: Judges 16:4-30; Galatians 4:12-31

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 5:1-26

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 1:21-2:17; Galatians 6:1-18

Thursday: 1 Samuel 2:18-36; Acts 15:22-41

Friday: 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 16:1-22

Saturday: 1 Samuel 4:1-22; Acts 16:23-40

Hymn of the Week: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (LSB 743)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or LSB pp.305-318)

Sunday: For the fruit of the Spirit

Monday: For faithful service in daily work

Tuesday: For deliverance from temptation

Wednesday: For our communities and neighborhoods

Thursday: For Lutheran schools and seminaries

Friday: For those near death

Saturday: For hearts receptive to God's Word

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.*