

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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**August 18, 2024; 9:00 A.M.**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **OPENING MUSIC**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

setting, Edwin T. Childs (Augsburg Fortress)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

ELW 488 (One License)

*Please be seated.*

**WELCOME**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING:**

**Proverbs 9:1-6**, Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 591

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalm 34:9-14**

*The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.*

**SECOND READING:**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg.194

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 6:51-58**, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 98

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"I Am the Bread of Life"**

ELW 485 (One License)

### APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_ . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a physically distant sign of God's peace with one another-wave a greeting of peace to people around you, and/or text a greeting of peace to someone.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEAL</b></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</p>
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*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

## OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.



## OFFERING ANTHEM

"Jesus, Be Our Bread"

Wayne L. Wold (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 191, left column

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

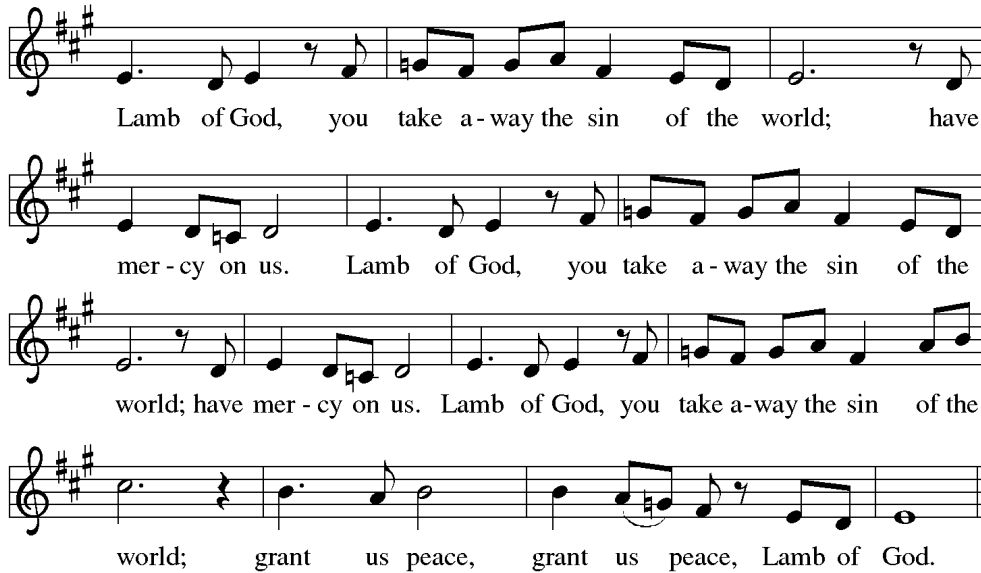
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come to the table!

*Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### "Lamb of God"

ELW pg. 191 (Augsburg Fortress)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### "Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW 491 (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### "O Living Bread from Heaven"

ELW 542 (Public Domain)

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING MUSIC**

Trumpet Tune on "Aurelia"

setting, Michael Helman (Augsburg Fortress)



## **Worship Team**

A/V Team: Mark Miller

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Robin Gibbs, Anne Johnson,  
Sandra Olson, Marylee Steinwehe

Greeters: Donna Freeman, Beth Miller

Reader: Janice Laird

Ushers: Gayle Hoch, Carrie Jarnecke, Kevin Jarnecke

Acolyte: Josephine Arana

Children's Sermon: Andy Bellavia

Altar Guild: Michelle Anderson, Beth Miller, Grace Nellessen, Kristy Nellessen

Musicians: Jan Burns, Terry Aavang

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

## **Presence Light Sponsor:**

In memory of Jim Reinhard, given by Karen Reinhard.

## **Bulletin Sponsors:**

In memory of Jim Reinhard, given by Karen Reinhard.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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