

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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**October 5, 2025; 9:00 A.M.**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



### **GATHERING**

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

### **OPENING MUSIC**

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

setting, Stephen Gabrielsen (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 God,  
the Holy Trinity +  
the giver of all good,  
the source of all joy.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of all,  
You have given us all that we need  
and you ask that we share your abundance.  
We confess that we have not responded to your call  
to be open channels of your grace.  
We clench our fists when you ask for open hands;  
we close our minds when you ask for grace toward our neighbors.  
Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation;  
loosen our grip and restore our souls,  
that we may freely give and receive. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, + you are forgiven. Your hearts are unfurled; your grasping is unbound. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace. **Amen.**

## "My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"

ELW 863 (Public Domain)

*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.**

## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, what you have given us is enough. Help us to rest in you, content to tend the seeds of love with which you abundantly bless the world. Give us faith that who we are is sufficient in your love. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING:**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 871*

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

**PSALM:**

## Psalm 37:1-9

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

## SECOND READING:

**2 Timothy 1:1-14**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 211*

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 Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 17:5-10**, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 80

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

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children are invited to come forward during the message.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "What Is the World Like"

ACS 1047 (One License)



1 What is the world like when God's will is  
2 What is the world like when God's will is  
3 What is the world like when God's will is  
4 What is the world like when God's will is  
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than  
done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing  
done? No more is neigh - bor just  
done? Read - y for feast - ing, we  
parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the  
child com - ing home; watch as the  
al - ly or friend; peace thrives in  
watch through the night, tend - ing our  
joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
plac - es where once there was none.  
lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
this is a new world where God's will is done.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 sign of God's peace with one another.*

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

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of life, You have blessed us with every good gift. Open us to share all that we have been given and to love the world in Jesus' name. **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

"To Follow You"

Chris de Silva (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.*

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

*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.

#### "We Walk by Faith"

ELW 635 (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Abundant God, **you have nourished us with life, love, and grace. Fill us to the brim with your care, that we may go into the world with open arms and open hearts to share your peace with the world. Amen.**

### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING**

May God bless you and keep you. May God's mercy flow freely through you. May you be filled with the abundance of God's love + and held in God's peace. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"** ELW 545 (Public Domain)

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING MUSIC**

**"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**  
setting, David Lasky (Augsburg Fortress)

## **Worship Team**

A/V Team: Mark Miller

**Communion Assistants:** Michelle Anderson, Alan Beckman, Johanna Bergstrom,  
Mike Phillips

Greeters: Aaron Ackerman, David Ackerman

Acolyte: Julia Ackerman

Reader: Caryl Dierksen

Ushers: Beth Miller, Al Wilson, Fay Wilson

Children's Sermon: Jen Freeman

Altar Guild: Cathy Meyer, Donna Neubaum,  
Kristy Nellessen, Grace Nellessen, Tim Nellessen

Musicians: Jan Burns, Carrie Filetti, Laudate

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

## **Presence Light Sponsor:**

To the Glory of God.

## **Bulletin Sponsors:**

In memory of Dick Petersen, Loving Husband and Father; given by Adele Petersen.

In honor of Sheri & Mike's 46th wedding anniversary; given by The Conover Family.

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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