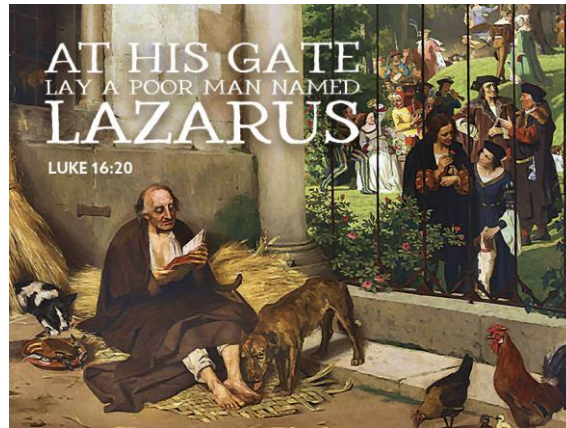


Grace Lutheran Church
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Woodstock, IL 60098
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September 28, 2025; 9:00 A.M.
16th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

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

OPENING MUSIC

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

setting, Donald Rotermund (One License)

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.**

OPENING HYMN

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

ELW 531 (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

Eternal God, you open our eyes to envision a world where all may have enough. Call us into relationship with you and with one another, that our lives may be shaped by generosity and joy. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 854*

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

PSALM:

Psalm 146

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

SECOND READING:

1 Timothy 6:6-19, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 210*

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 16:19-31, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 79

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

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

ELW 729 (One License)

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL & OFFICERS

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

"Above All Else"

Joel Raney (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 191, left column

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

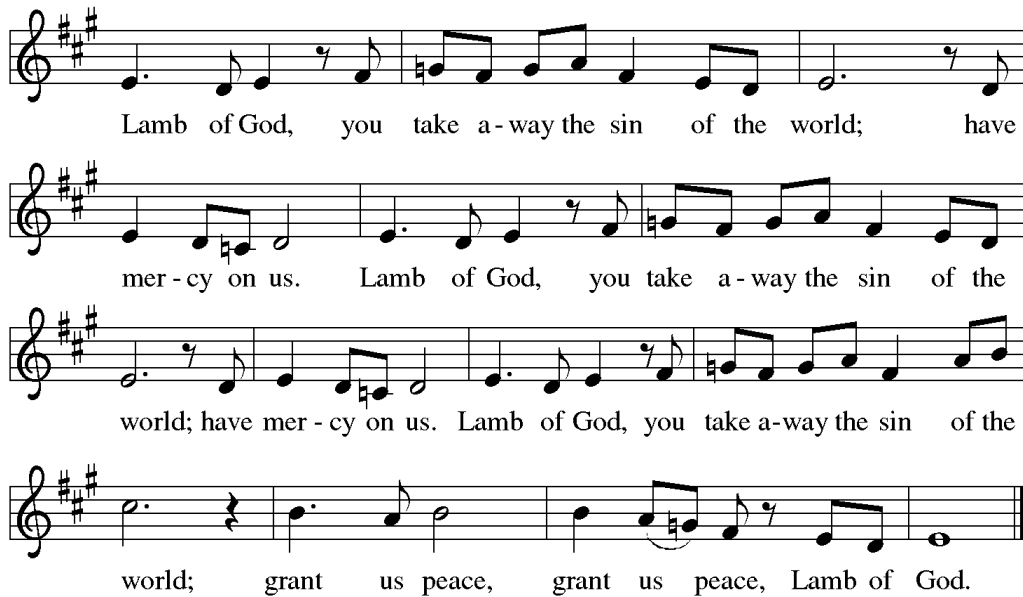
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479 (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

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, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712 (One License)

DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING MUSIC

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

setting, J. Wayne Kerr (Augsburg Fortress)

Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sally Sheahan, Kendrick Thomas, Madeline Thomas, Tanya Thomas

Greeters: Sally Sheahan

Acolyte: Braxton O'Leary

Reader: Karen Reinhard

Ushers: Faith Metze, Bob Teuber, John Widmayer

Children's Sermon: Kim Ethridge

Altar Guild: Michelle Anderson, Tammy Baier, Jen Freeman, Mike Freeman

Musicians: Jan Burns, Carrie Filetti, Chancel Choir, Steve Johnson

Guest Preacher: Pastor Mack Patrick, Assistant to the Bishop, Northern Illinois Synod

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Please join us for coffee and snacks after worship.

Presence Light Sponsor:

In honor of John's 81st birthday; given by Mary Widmayer.

Bulletin Sponsors:

In memory of my dad, Richard Martin; given by Mary Beth Martin-Bellavia.

To the glory of God; given by Marylee Steinwehe.



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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