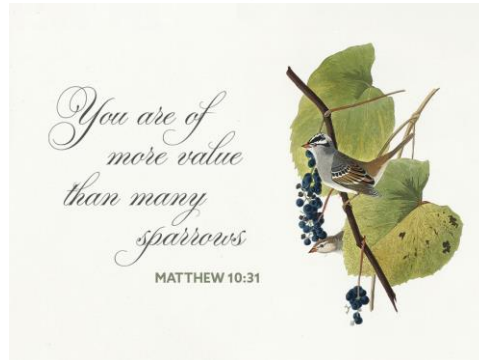


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June 21, 2026; 9:00 A.M.
4th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

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

OPENING MUSIC

“Will You Come & Follow Me”

Improvisations (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 the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.


Jesus says, “Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN


“Ten Thousand Reasons”

ACS 1097 (One License)

CHORUS 1a




Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like
2nd time to Coda \oplus

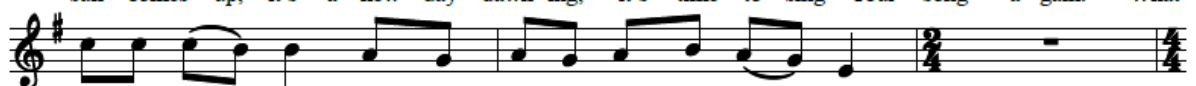


nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. The

VERSE 1




sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song a - gain. What-



- ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

Coda
D.S. al Coda \oplus



let me be sing-ing when the eve - ning comes. Bless the You're

VERSE 2



rich in love and You're slow to an-ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For



all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing;



Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. Bless the

CHORUS 1b

(instr. repeat)




Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like



nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. And

VERSE 3



on that day, when my strength is fail-ing, the end draws near, and my time has come;



Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing



ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er - more! Bless the

CHORUS 1b

Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like
nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Bless the
wor - ship Your ho - ly name, wor - ship Your ho - ly name, Lord, I'll
wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Sing like

ENDING

nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 20:7-13, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 722*

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

PSALM:

Psalm 69:7-18

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

SECOND READING:

Romans 6:1b-11, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 156*

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?



GOSPEL

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

Matthew 10:24-39, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 10

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

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798 (One License)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus’ sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **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

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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.



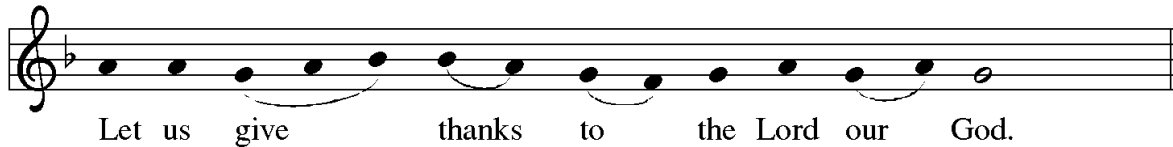
OFFERING ANTHEM

"You Are Strong, You Are Holy"

by Sylvia Dunstan (One License)

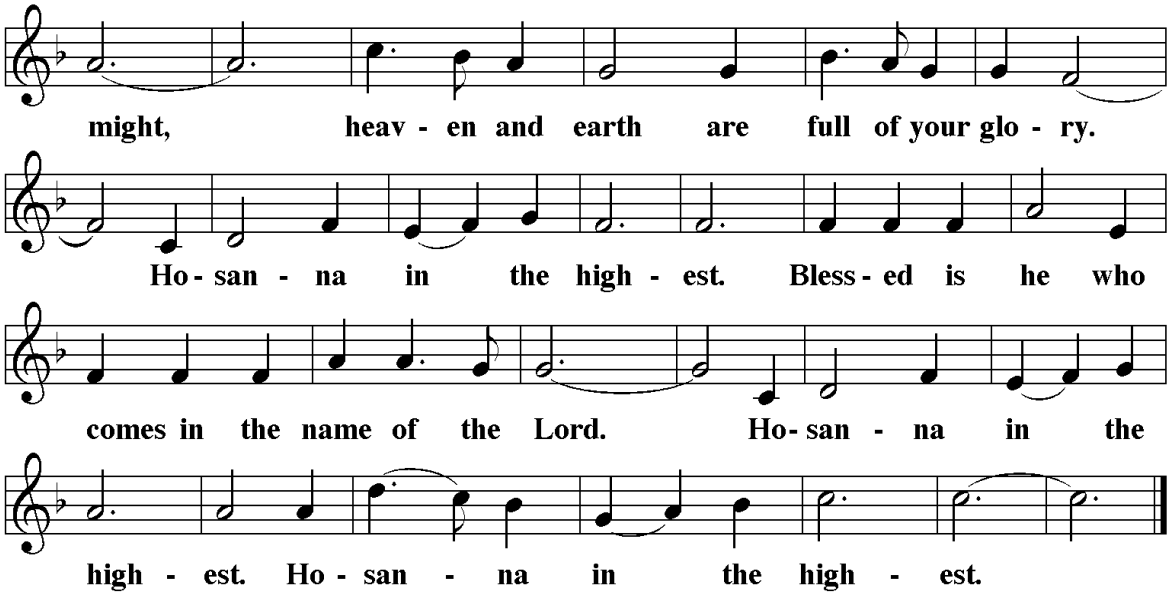
Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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





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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg.112, left column

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord’s table.

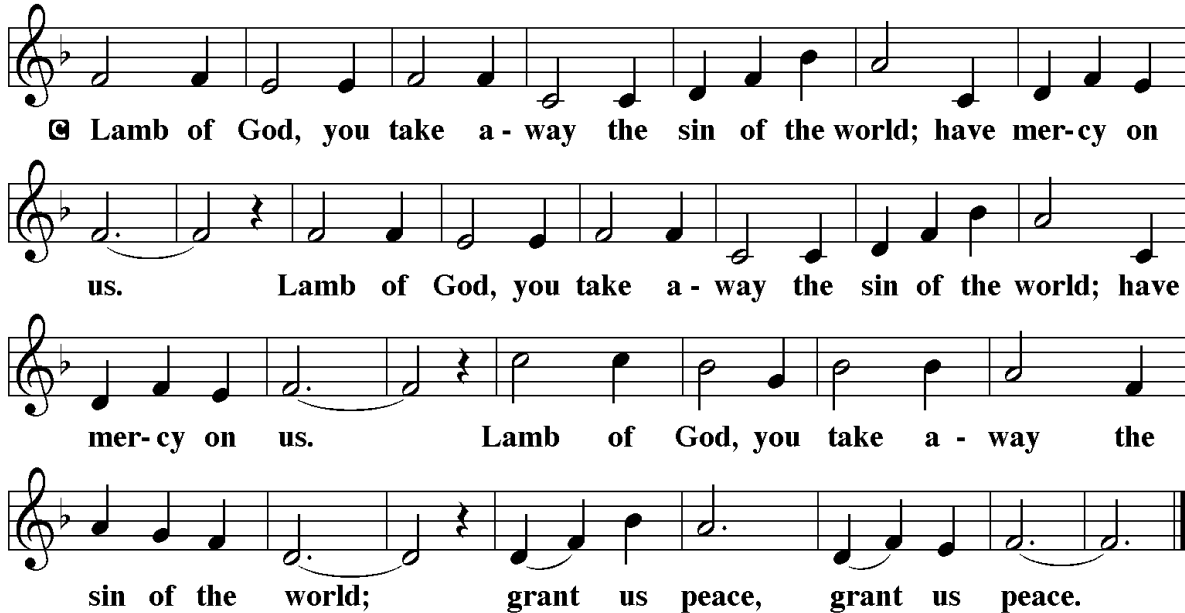
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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”

WOV pg. 39 (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.

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796 (Public Domain)

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
**through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

ELW 848 (Public Domain)

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

“You Are Strong, You Are Holy”

Improvisations (One License)



Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Johanna Bergstrom, Sonia Brzezinski,
Sheri Conover, Mike Phillips

Greeters: Nancy Kreznor, Bill Kreznor

Reader: Paul Lockwood

Ushers: Nancy Kreznor, Faith Metze, Bob Teuber

Children's Sermon: Andy Bellavia

Altar Guild: Joy Aavang, Barb Aavang, Kristy Nellessen, Grace & Tim Nellessen

Musicians: Carrie Filetti, Maren Filetti

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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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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