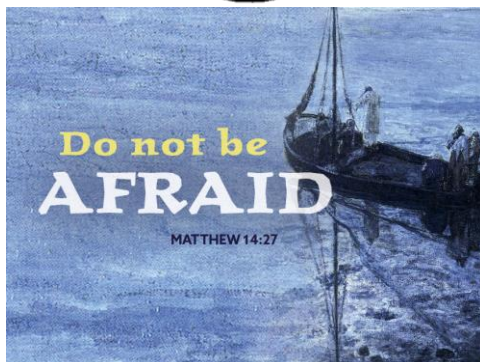


Grace Lutheran Church
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Woodstock, IL 60098
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August 9, 2026; 9:00 A.M.
11th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

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

OPENING MUSIC

“Great Things”

by Wickham and Myrin (CCLI)

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

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW 821, sing twice (CCLI)

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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Students, teachers & school staff are invited forward for a blessing.

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 19:9-18, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 326*

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

PSALM:

Psalm 85:8-13

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

SECOND READING:

Romans 10:5-15, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 160*

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?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

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

Matthew 14:22-33, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 16*

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

“Build My Life”

by Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, and Barrett (CCLI)

INTRO **VERSE**

Wor - thy of ev - 'ry song
Je - sus the name a - bove

we could ev - er sing. Wor - thy of all the praise we could ev - er bring.
ev - 'ry oth - er name. Je - sus the on - ly one who could ev - er save.

Wor - thy of ev - ry breath we could ev - er breathe. We live for You.
Wor - thy of ev - 'ry breath we could ev - er breathe. We live for You. We live for You.

CHORUS

1,3 2,4

Ho - ly, there is no one like You, there is none be -
- side You. O - pen up my eyes in won - der and show me who You are and
fill me, with Your heart and lead me in Your love to

BRIDGE

3,5 (Instr. 1st time)

those a - round me. I will build my life up - on Your love; it is a firm foun - da - tion.

2 D.S.

I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be shak - en.

4

not be shak - en.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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

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.



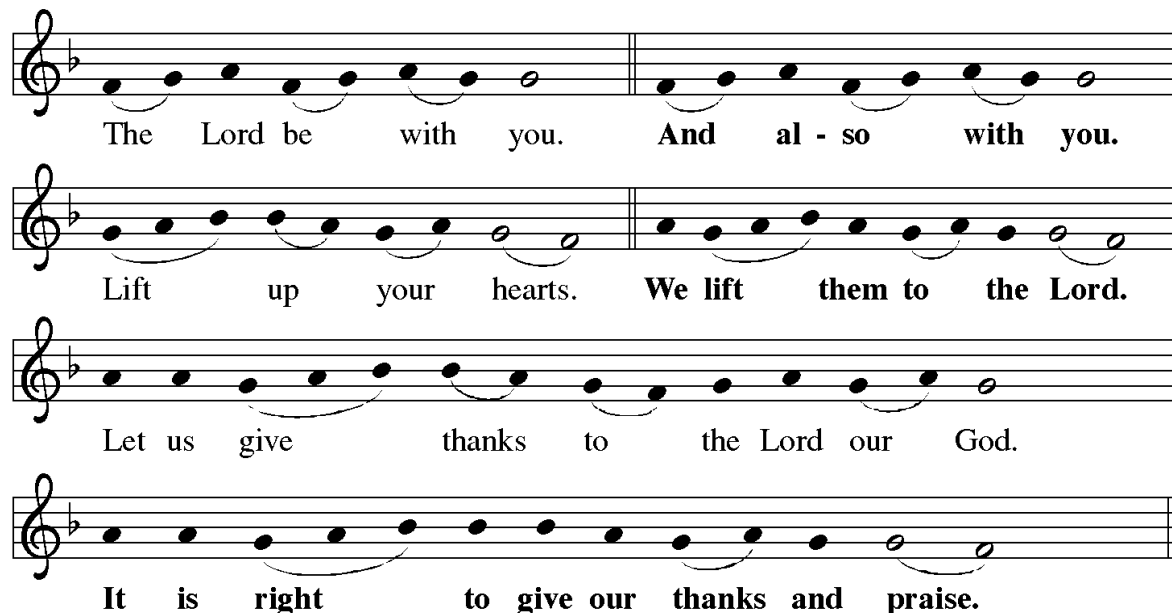
OFFERING ANTHEM

"Mercy is Falling"

by David Ruis (CCLI)

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



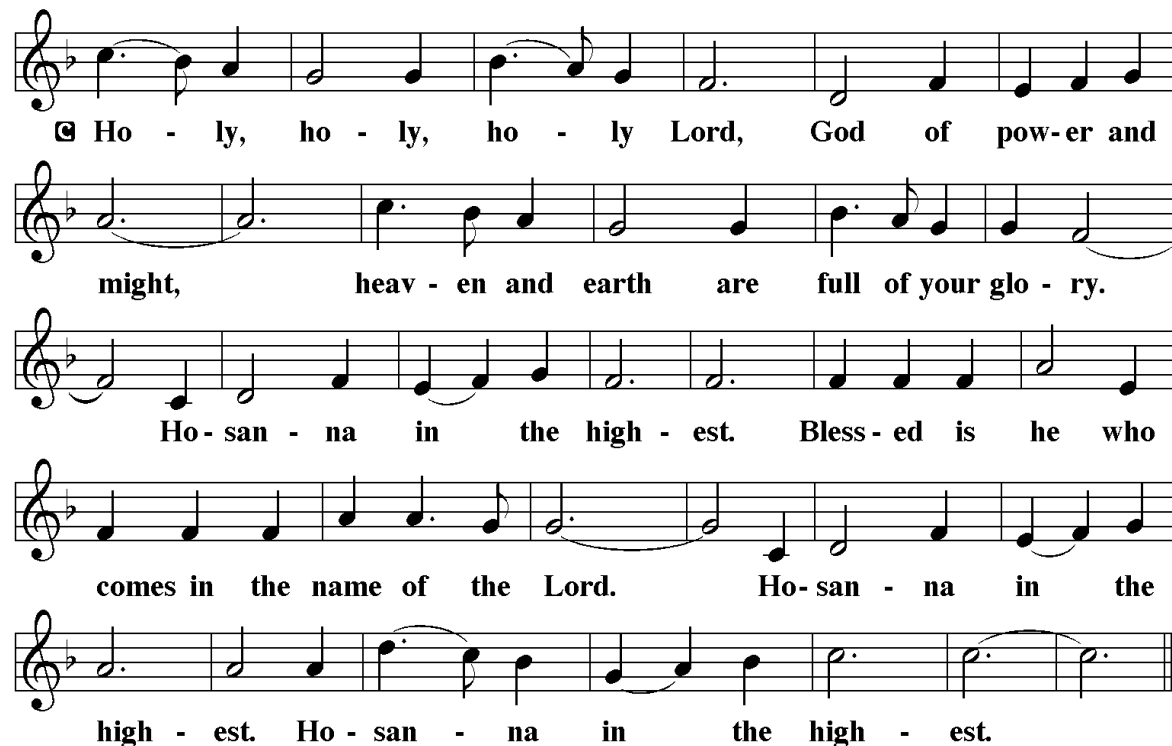
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 - er and

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

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

by Crocker, Houston, and Ligthelm (CCLI)

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start
now

(Chorus 1)

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without
borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

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

“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

ELW 763 (Public Domain)

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

“Goodbye Everybody”

(Traditional)



Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sonia Brzezinski, Robin Gibbs,

Karen Reinhard, Marylee Steinwehe

Greeters: Laura Boal, Terry Figard

Acolyte: Riley Poremba

Reader: Karen Reinhard

Ushers: Nancy Kreznor, Faith Metze

Children's Sermon: Confirmation Campers

Altar Guild: Laura Boal, Donna Neubaum, Mike Freeman, Jen Freeman

Musicians: Grace Tones

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Presence Light Sponsor:

In memory of my sister Kelly McMahon; given by Bill & Nancy Kreznor.

Bulletin Sponsors:

In honor of our 46th anniversary; given by Mark & Beth Miller.

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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Congregational Meeting



God's work. Our hands.
Service Day September 13th
Signups available online or in the Narthex



Sewing Circle

Every 1st & 3rd

Tuesday

8:30am-12:00pm

MAHJONG GAME NIGHT

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

TUESDAY

6:30PM-8:00PM

SIGN UP ONLINE OR WITH THE OFFICE

Daytime Pinochle

Every 1st & 3rd

Wednesday

1:00pm-4:00pm

A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!