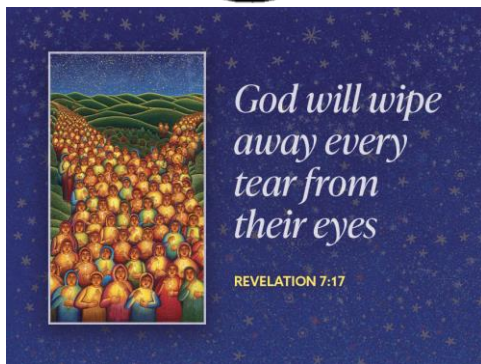




GATHERING

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

OPENING MUSIC

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

setting, Philip M. Young (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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.**

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.

**We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.**

We are not awake to the coming of your reign.

**Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.**

Amen.

Inherit the riches of God’s grace.

† Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven.

Blessed are you.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

ELW 422 (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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Revelation 7:9-17, *Pew Bible, New Testament*, pg. 249

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

PSALM:

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

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

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:1-3, *Pew Bible, New Testament*, pg. 240

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

Matthew 5:1-12, *Pew Bible, New Testament*, pg. 4

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

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

ELW 628 (One License)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. *(a bell will toll in remembrance as each name is read.)*

Judi Koeller
Marjorie Bannister
Don Kleinschmidt
Lowell Fetty
Dallas Larson
Donna Freeman

Marilyn Rice
Judith Brink
Gloria Holy
Dale Habbley
Shirley Norton
Joe Pienschke

Dorothe Von Bergen
Linda Sporleder
Mary Ann Harju
Dolores Sunderlage
James Davis
Denise Hoover



Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Pastor Amanda will light a candle from the Paschal candle. A candle for each of those baptized at Grace this year will be lit first.

Nicholas Joseph Skradski
Elena Kimberly Bellavia
Rowen Ann-Marie Clancy
Logan Matthew Bratanick

Jaden Robert Skradski
Adeline Kay Randolph
Raelynn Jo Price

The congregation is then welcome to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of family and friends who are now with God eternally.

ANTHEM

“The Great Cloud”

Joseph Martin (One License)

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

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

On this Commitment Sunday, we bring forward our gifts in thanksgiving for God's grace. All are invited to come forward to place your offering and Estimate of Giving card in the baskets. If you do not have an offering or Estimate of Giving card with you today, please come forward in recognition of the gift of your presence in worship.

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.



120 Years
& beyond
beset by change
Spirit-led
claim & test our heritage
keep on rising from the dead

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" ELW 729

OFFERING HYMN

"As Saints of Old"

ELW 695 (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg.191, left column

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

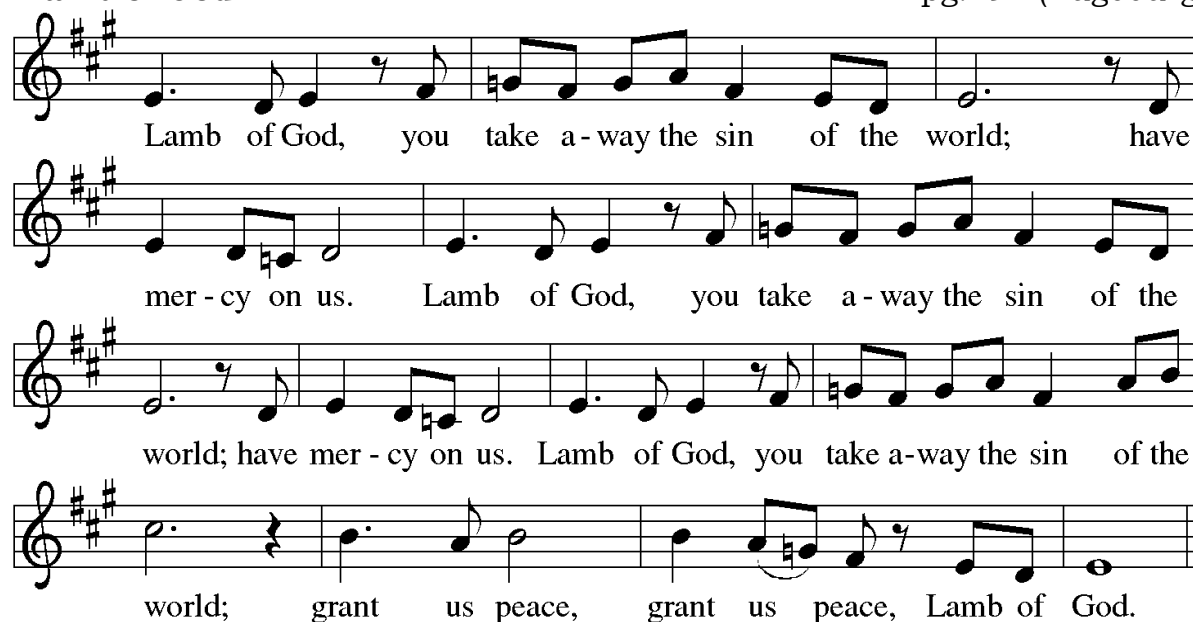
All are welcome at the Lord's table.
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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.

“Behold the Host Arrayed in White”

ELW 425 (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
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 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

The holy Trinity,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

ELW 426 (One License)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

“For All The Saints”

setting, Robert A. Hobby (Augsburg Fortress)



Worship Team

A/V Team: Mark Miller

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Johanna Bergstrom, Sonia Brzezinski,
Robin Gibbs, Mike Phillips

Greeters: Owen Kleinjan

Reader: Cindy Meyer

Ushers: Kevin Kleinjan, Wes Krueger, Beth Miller

Children's Sermon: Jen Freeman

Altar Guild: Michelle Anderson, Beth Miller, Mike Freeman, Jen Freeman

Musicians: Chancel Choir, Carrie Filetti, Jan Burns

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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To the Glory of God.

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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EVERY 2ND & 4TH
TUESDAY

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Daytime Pinochle

*Every 1st & 3rd
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