



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost *August 3, 2025*

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a liturgical season with a common focus, rather, it is just the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This period is often referred to as “Ordinary Time” and the liturgical color is **green**. These are the ordinary days in which we live our Christian faith in the regular routine of daily life. This seems simple enough, but the way the Sundays are counted on the calendar gets a bit confusing. It begins with the First Sunday after Pentecost and then counts sequentially until the 24th Sunday after Pentecost which is Christ the King, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If it stopped here that would be clear, but each Sunday during this time is also given another title: Proper 7-29 where the numbers do not coincide with the numbered Sundays after Pentecost. This proper numbering system is based on the moveable date of Easter. Honestly, there is no need to be concerned about this numbering framework, just focus on the ordinary daily life of Jesus as he goes about teaching, healing, and loving people as you live your ordinary life each day!

TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799

8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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OPENING HYMN #711: Seek Ye First



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

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

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

GLORIA: Psalm 95



Sing a song to the Lord's ho - ly name. May the
won - ders of God be pro - claimed. Sing a
song to the Lord, now ac - claim. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Ho - ly is God's name!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

This Week's Readers: **Scot Lau & Lydia Reed**
Next Sunday's Readers: **Delora Paull & Selia Tuten**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Hosea 11:1-11

Reader A reading from the book of Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,
the more they went from me;

they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord,
who roars like a lion;

when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE Psalm 107:1-9, 43 – *Confitemini Domino*
*Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the **

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,*
and his mercy endures for ever.

²Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim*
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³He gathered them out of the lands;*
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes;*
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

⁵They were hungry and thirsty;*
their spirits languished within them.

⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷He put their feet on a straight path*
to go to a city where they might dwell.

⁸Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy*
and the wonders he does for his children.

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty*
and fills the hungry with good things.

⁴³Whoever is wise will ponder these things,*
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on

those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: I Surrender All

1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly thine;
 4 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly pleas-ures all for-sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ing fall on me.

Refrain

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
 all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21 The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What

should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart,"
a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand or kneel

Leader In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort, and strengthen them.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For our greater community in Mt. Clemens and Macomb County, and for all those who come to our building to be nourished by the food we provide.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the spirit of peace in the world: that all national violence and wars, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan may end, so that all people may live in peace and safety.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the world's poor, for those who are hungry and homeless: let not the needy be forgotten, or the hope of the poor be taken away.

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the spirit of unity, forgiveness, and reconciliation in our country: guide our elected officials to put aside political rivalry and work for the good of all our citizens.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism: may this national sin be acknowledged and cleansed from our hearts, institutions, and nation.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For all those who are sick or infirmed, and those who are on our prayer list, which is found near the back of this bulletin. Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For those whose lives are approaching death and for those who have died: that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For the children in our lives and in our world: grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good.

People **We pray to you, O God.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout our country and the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

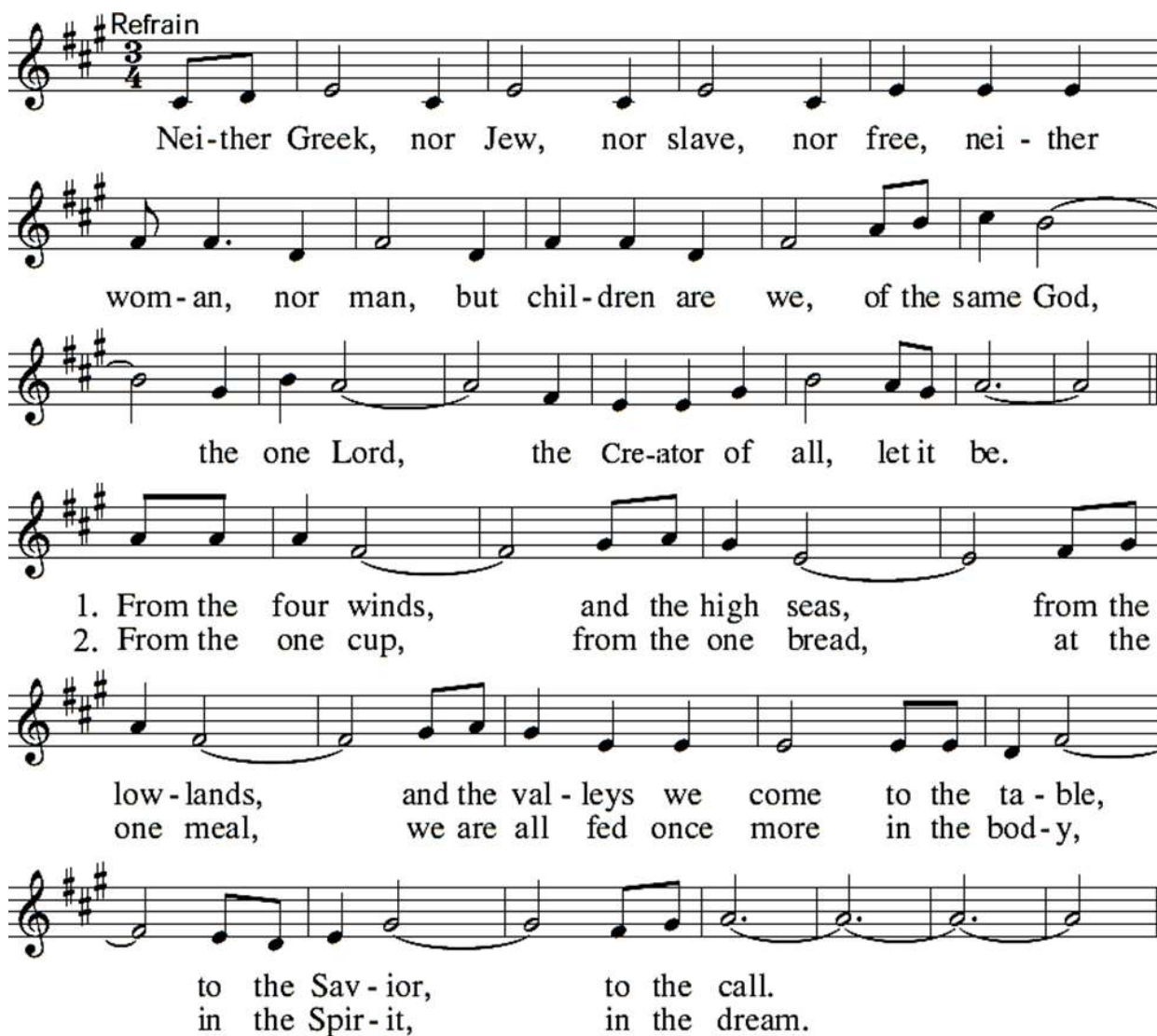
Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

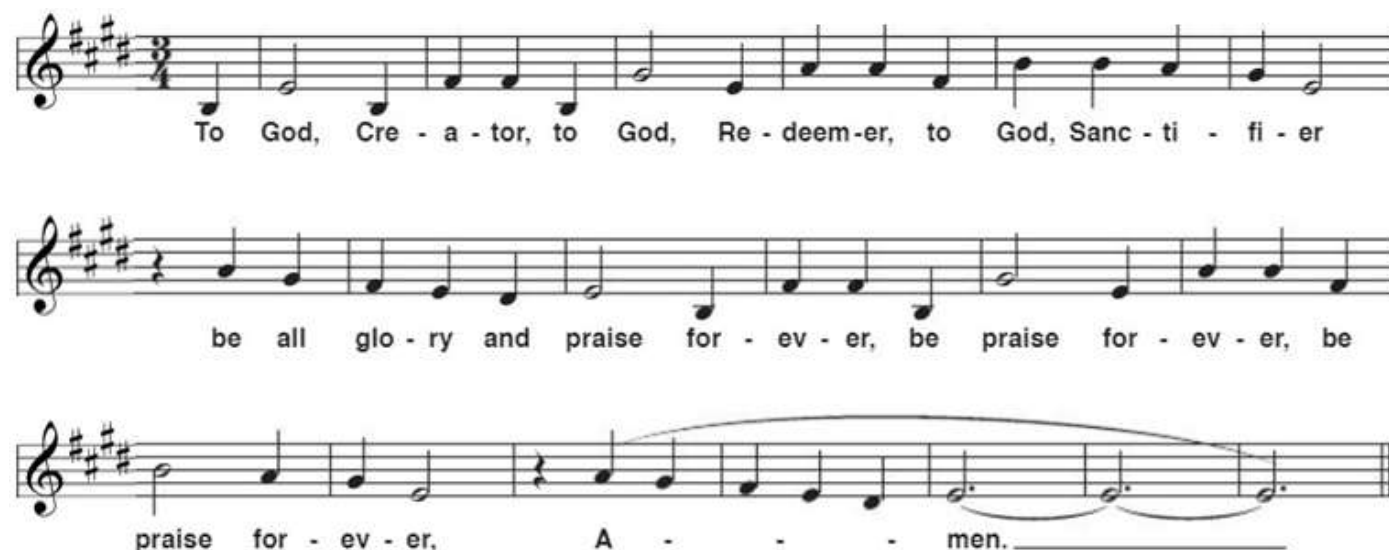
OFFERTORY HYMN: Children Of The Same God

Refrain



Nei-ther Greek, nor Jew, nor slave, nor free, nei - ther
wom - an, nor man, but chil - dren are we, of the same God,
the one Lord, the Cre - ator of all, let it be.
1. From the four winds, and the high seas, from the
2. From the one cup, from the one bread, at the
low - lands, and the val - leys we come to the ta - ble,
one meal, we are all fed once more in the bod - y,
to the Sav - ior, to the call.
in the Spir - it, in the dream.

DOXOLOGY: To God, Creator



To God, Cre - a - tor, to God, Re - deem - er, to God, Sanc - ti - fi - er
be all glo - ry and praise for - ev - er, be praise for - ev - er, be
praise for - ev - er, A - - - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.

5 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

9 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

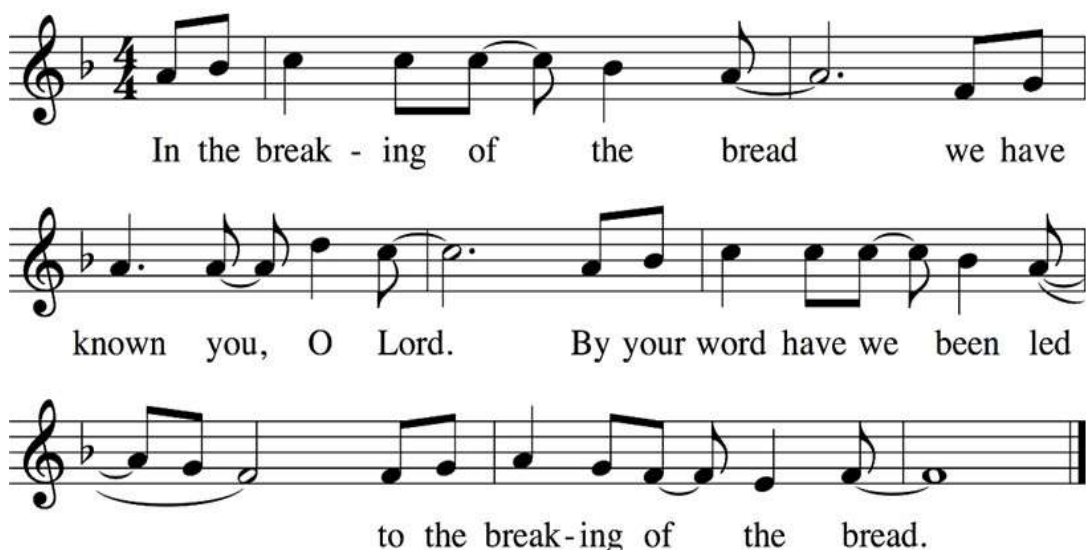
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

FRACTIO: Emmaus



The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "In the break - ing of the bread we have known you, O Lord. By your word have we been led to the break-ing of the bread."


Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION


Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

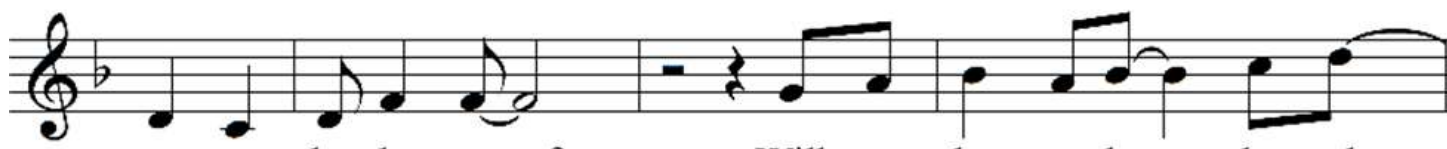
COMMUNION HYMN: The Summons



1. Will	you	come	and	fol	-	low	me	if	I	but		
2. Will	you	leave	your	-	self	-	be	-	hind	if	I	but
3. Will	you	let	the	blind	-	ed	see	if	I	but		
4. Will	you	love	the	"you"		you	hide	if	I	but		
5. Lord,	your	sum	-	mons	ech	-	oes	true	when	you	but	



call	your	name?	Will	you	go	where	you	don't	know	and	
call	your	name?	Will	you	care	for	cruel	and	kind	and	
call	your	name?	Will	you	set	the	pris	-	'ners	free	and
call	your	name?	Will	you	quell	the	fear	in	-	side	and
call	my	name.	Let	me	turn	and	fol	-	low	you	and



nev	-	er	be	the	same?	Will	you	let	my	love	be	shown,		
nev	-	er	be	the	same?	Will	you	risk	the	hos	-	tile	stare	
nev	-	er	be	the	same?	Will	you	kiss	the	lep	-	er	clean,	
nev	-	er	be	the	same?	Will	you	use	the	faith	you've	found		
nev	-	er	be	the	same.	In	your	com	-	pa	-	ny	I'll	go



will you let my name be known, will you
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
to re - shape the world a - round, through my
where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together:

Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the food of our savior. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit to be beacons of hope and love in your world. For it is through Christ and with all your saints that we offer ourselves and our lives to your service, O God. We humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. AMEN.



BLESSING

May Christ, who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN #657: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship has ended; let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry, Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop, Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod, Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members, Steven Steinberger-Domienik. Grace Church Mt. Clemens, Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Nina DiGaetano, Donna Hanes, Katherine Domienik, Jasmine Gardner, Tom & Sandy Krell, Frankie Dion, Sue Schlanbusch, Elliott Belair, Charlotte Kalligeros, Tom Stotz, Jennifer Holland, Joan Walsh, Elizabeth Gage, Logan & Teresa Davidson, Jeanne Nowak, Donna Powell, Pamela Sherry, Linda Fields, Michael Woodard, Pat Greenwood, Sara Mattocks, Gene Skladnowski, Sherie Borsa, Joan Donald, Rob Haynes, Andy Jaeger, Scott Kadets, Brenda Steinberger-Domienik, Laurisa, Jason Zadorski, Pat Ruditis, Jean & Terry Hitchcock, Laura MaryLake, Allen Clay, Mary Anne Jackson, Beth Smith, Charlie Carol, Bill Sobkowicz, Martha Wehba, Carolyn Siewert, Holly Quintero, Ged Youngman, Jody Gorney, Tammy Murphy, Eka & Kiana Bassey, Lee Dillon, Marilee Racine, Joshua R., Suzanne LaMontagne, Gay Gillespie, John Schober, Kirsten Blackburn, Vito Fontana, Christa Carpenter, Ernie Simon, Nancy & Bob Johnson, John Kelvin.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.

Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH Currently

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:00

Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup
Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4
35088 Automation Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035
Packing for the 2025-26 school year begins on October 7

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:
586-465-4573***

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Service Update

August 17 *Rev. Cynthia Garmen* presiding over one **10 AM** service in the parish hall
Bible study at **9 AM**

August 24 Combined **10 AM** service at American Lutheran Church

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers were given by Karen Davenport in honor of her stepmom on her 90th birthday. Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

MACOMB COUNTY PRIDE

Grace Church will once again have a booth at Macomb County Pride on **August 16**. Speak with Kris Eckert if you'd like to get involved.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will be held at Grace Church on **Thursday, September 11** at **6 PM**. We'll be discussing *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom. Join us! If you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel.

