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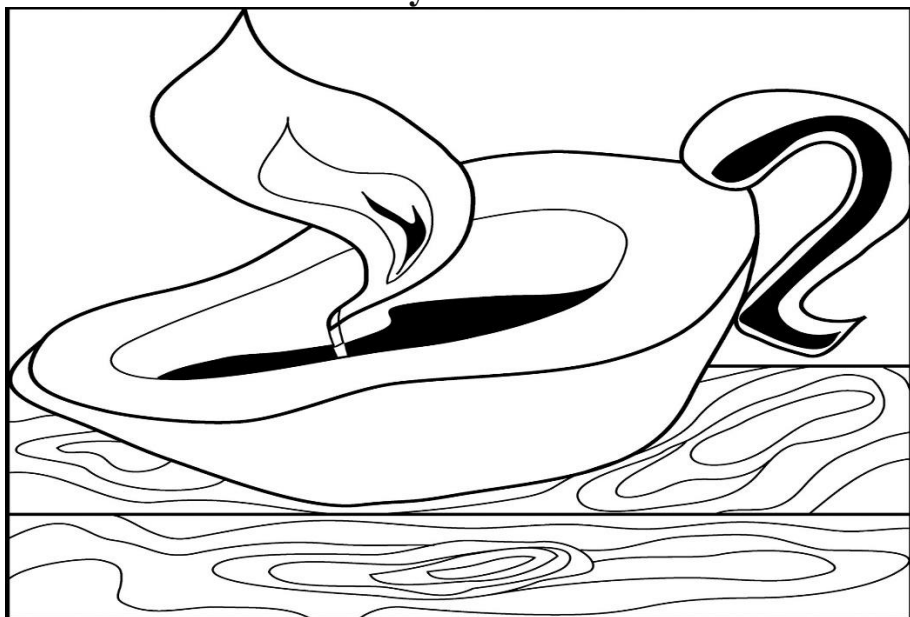
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August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost



Introduction to the day

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter

Attendance for August 3, 2025-

PRELUDE

(please stand if you are able)

ENTRANCE HYMN

(ELW 436)

. WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite


Music: Philipp Nicolai

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.

KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



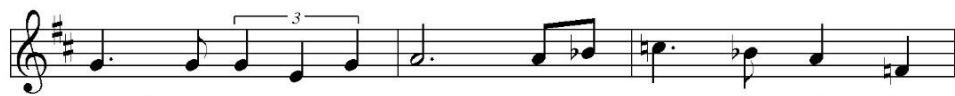
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD!
Happy the people he has chosen to ¹ be his own!
- ¹³ **The LORD looks ¹ down from heaven,
and beholds all the people ¹ in the world.**
- ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he ¹ turns his gaze
on all who dwell ¹ on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **He fashions all the ¹ hearts of them
and understands ¹ all their works.**
- ¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a ¹ mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by ¹ his great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse is a vain hope ¹ for deliverance;
for all its strength it ¹ cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon ¹ those who fear him,
on those who wait up- ¹ on his love,
- ¹⁹ **to pluck their ¹ lives from death,
and to feed them in ¹ time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our soul waits ¹ for the LORD;
he is our help ¹ and our shield.
- ²¹ **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
for in his holy name we ¹ put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us,
as we have put our ¹ trust in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

(please stand if you are able)

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is
2 What is the world like when God's will is
3 What is the world like when God's will is
4 What is the world like when God's will is
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than
done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing
done? No more is neigh - bor just
done? Read - y for feast - ing, we
parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the
child com - ing home; watch as the
al - ly or friend; peace thrives in
watch through the night, tend - ing our
joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
par - ent breaks in - to a run.
plac - es where once there was none.
lamps till the new day's be - gun.
voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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THE PRAYERS

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture
of peace, using these or similar words*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,**

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Communion

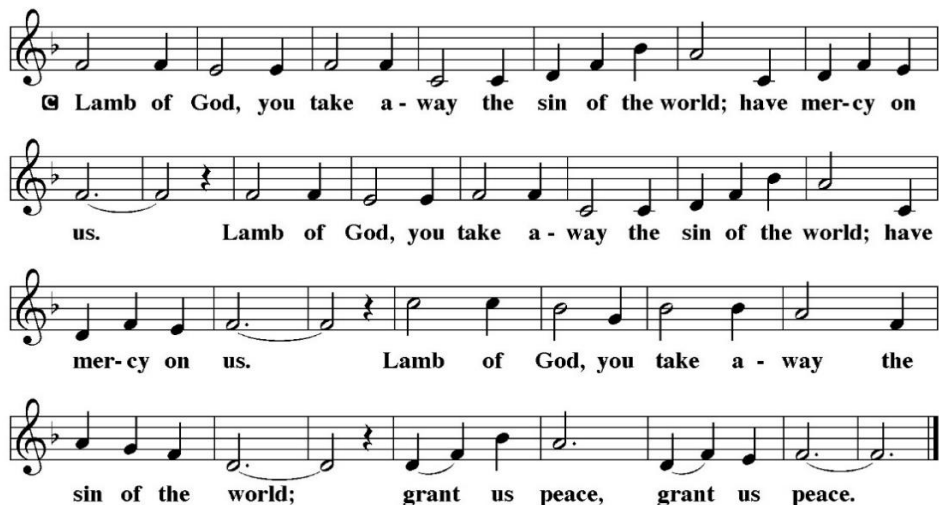
The communion follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

Communion Hymn



☐ 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.

Communion Song

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
 For the trou - bles and the suf - f'ings of the world,

im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
 God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the

um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção. *Teus ou -*
 whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an

vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa
 ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -

gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - *pres - sa - te com*
 pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -

tu - a sal - va - ção. A *tu - a paz,*
 va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,

ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -
 the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing

ti - ça jus - tice, a - bra - ce o mun - do in - tei - ro.
 to cov - er and em - brace us.

Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der
 Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,

sus - ten - te o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
 the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:

Teu rei - no ve - nha a nos! Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!
 un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!

Text: Rodolfo Gaede Neto, b. 1951; tr. Simeí Monteiro, b. 1943, and Jorge Lockward, b. 1965

Music: PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO, Rodolfo Gaede Neto

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Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray,
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

(ELW 632)

. O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: William Croft, 1678-1727

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

BREAD LOAF OFFERING -AUGUST – Lutheran Senior Care Ministry

- Our Food Pantry is in need of cereal and peanut butter.
- **Bread Loaf Offering**

We are making a change to the Bread Loaf Offering for the month of August as the director for the Salvation Army has resigned. For the month of August our bread loaf offering will go to the Lutheran Senior Care Ministry. Lutheran Senior Care Ministry meets weekly and serves over 600 residents in 35 locations with 18 chaplains and has 30 church partners. The chaplain provides a worship service for residents that include hymn singing, scripture, readings, prayers, a sermon and a benediction. These are Lutheran chaplains, and all are in the Fort Wayne area. If you have any questions, see Pastor Matt or Joe Freiburger.

- Hope ladies will host the luncheon for Adelphi Tuesday, August 19. Our guest, September McConnell from Whitley County Foundations will present the on going programs they sponsor for Whitley County.

- Grace Lutheran Church is now participating in First Fridays downtown in Columbia City. We are not selling anything, just promoting what we do well. Talking about our Preschool, Food Pantry and spreading God's word. The next event will be on Sept 5th from 6pm to 9pm. We meet at church at 4:30 and walk down to the courthouse where we set up on the west side. We need some volunteers each month thru October. If you are interested, please see Pastor Matt, Joe Freiburger or any member on Church Council.
- Adelphi Women have a new project coming up in September. We will be collecting household goods and furnishings for a newly housed families and individuals. Detailed information will be given in the August Newsletter, but in the meantime, please consider items in your own home that would be good donations to this worthy cause. We are looking for bath and bedroom linens, kitchen needs, furniture, tables and chairs, etc. Items should be clean and still functional. Talk with Linda Grawcock, Linda Trowbridge or any of the Adelphi members with your questions and look for details in the August newsletter.

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday August 11,2025

Helping Hands 12:30 pm

Property team 5:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/g 6:30 pm

Church Council 6:30pm

AA 7:30pm

Tuesday August 12,2025

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Sigma Eta 6:30 pm

Wednesday August 13,2025

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

Thursday August 14,2025

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday August 15,2025

Pastor's Day Off

WCCS first day

Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday August 16,2025

Sunday August 17,2025

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:15 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would like to stay.