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11th Sunday after Pentecost



Introduction to the day

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter
Attendance for August 17, 2025- 37

PRELUDE

(please stand if you are able)

ENTRANCE HYMN

(ELW 859)

. PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. composite

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;



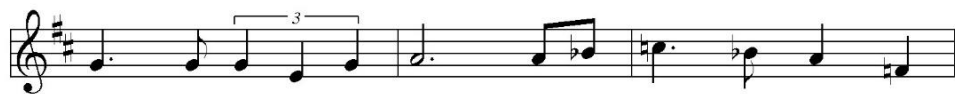
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.


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


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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah.

- ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8

- ¹ Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his ¹ holy name.
² **Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and forget not ¹ all his benefits.**
³ He forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your infirmities;

- ⁴ **he redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;**
- ⁵ he satisfies you | with good things,
and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who | are oppressed.**
- ⁷ He made his ways | known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and | of great kindness.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please stand if 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: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,

“Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his

hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising

God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had

cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You

hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his

donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long

years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

(ELW 508)

. **As Rain from the Clouds**

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939 Music: Jonathan E. Spilman, 1812–1896; arr. hymnal version

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

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

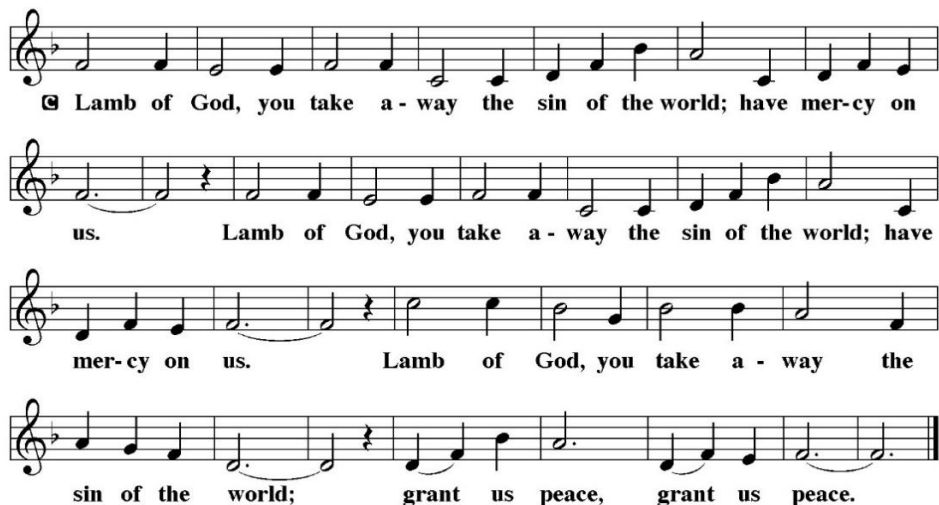
The communion follows. The bread may be broken for distribution.

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

(ELW 556)

. **Morning Has Broken**

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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 886)

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser,
1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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.
- **Christmas in September – Because We Can Celebrate Anytime!**

Who says Christmas only comes once a year? This year, we're spreading the joy a little early (or maybe a little late!) with **Christmas in September** on **Sunday, September 21st**, right after worship, we will have a special Christmas brunch. We'll be painting beautiful new wooden ornaments for our church Christmas tree and lovingly retiring the well-worn ornaments that have brought us joy over the years. Yes, we know it's not December, but the cookies will still be delicious, the music will still be festive, and the memories will still be just as special! Come enjoy Christmas music, tasty Christmas cookies, and a hearty brunch while helping us create decorations that will bring joy for many seasons to come. After all, any day is a good day to celebrate the gift of being together!

- **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.

- Grace Lutheran Church is now participating in First Fridays downtown in Columbia City. We are in the same spot (Sect. 3 Space 51). I have ordered 300 more wristbands and picked up 2 tanks of helium. Mariah is tying ribbon to the wristbands which is a huge help. I still need to grab more devotional books and stamp our church name on them. If anyone else has ideas, please share with the group. We will take the preschool board with us again and hopefully we can use it. We will meet at 4:30pm at church. Let me know if you can make it or not. Thanks, Joe Freiburger
- 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.

NOTES

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday August 18,2025

Helping Hands 12:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/g 6:30 pm

AA 7:30pm

Tuesday August 19,2025

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Care Team 10:30 am

Adelphi Group 11:30 am

Pre-k Parent Meeting 6 pm

Wednesday August 20,2025

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

Pre-k Parent Meeting 6 pm

Thursday August 21,2025

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday August 22,2025

Pastor's Day Off

WCCS first day

Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday August 23,2025

Sunday August 24,2025

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.