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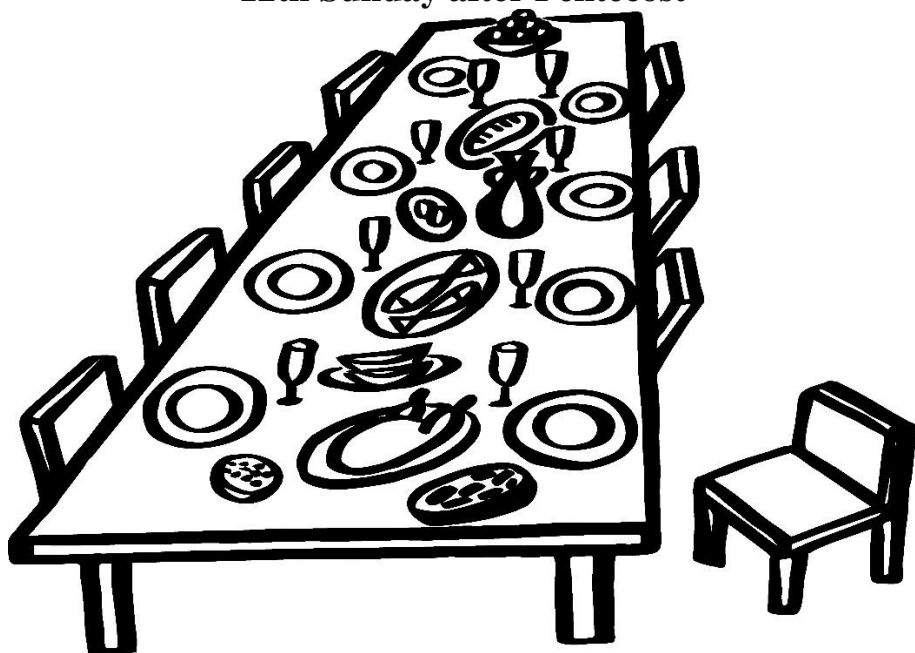
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August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost



Introduction to the day

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter
Attendance for August 24, 2025-

PRELUDE

(please stand if you are able)

ENTRANCE HYMN

(ELW 880)

. O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996

Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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;



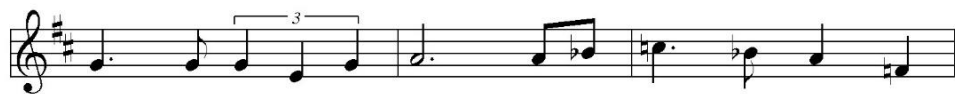
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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



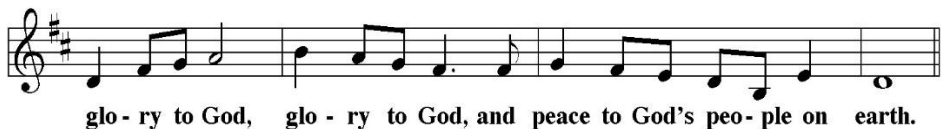
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



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,



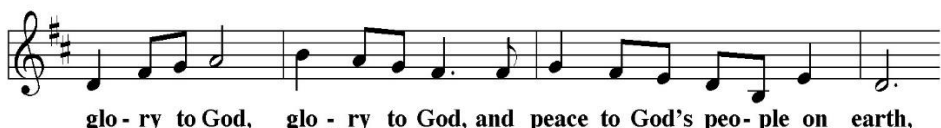
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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 O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

A reading from Proverbs.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the Lord
and have great delight in ¹ his commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely ¹ to the poor, and their righteousness stands
fast forever; they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and ¹ pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without
knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were
in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you
yourselves were being tortured.

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(please stand if you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor,

in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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 651)

. **Oh, Praise the Gracious Power**

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, 1945-2022

Music: Carol Doran, b. 1936

THE PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor/Labour Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. 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.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

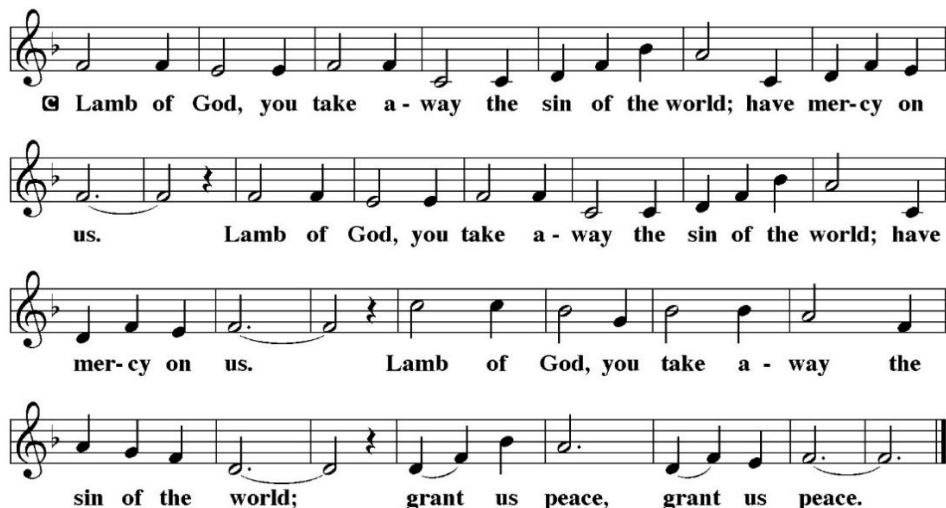
Communion

*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 466)

In the Singing

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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 716)

. **Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, 1916-2018, alt.

Music: *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561

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

- Church office will be closed Sept 1, in observation of Labor Day.
- 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 September newsletter.

NOTES

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday September 1, 2025

Church office Closed

Tuesday September 2, 2025

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Property meeting 6:30 pm

Cubscouts 6:30 pm

Wednesday September 3, 2025

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

Thursday September 4, 2025

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday September 5, 2025

Pastor's Day Off

Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday September 6, 2025

Sunday September 7, 2025

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:15 am

Blessing of the backpacks 10:30 am

Blood Pressure checks 11:15 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.