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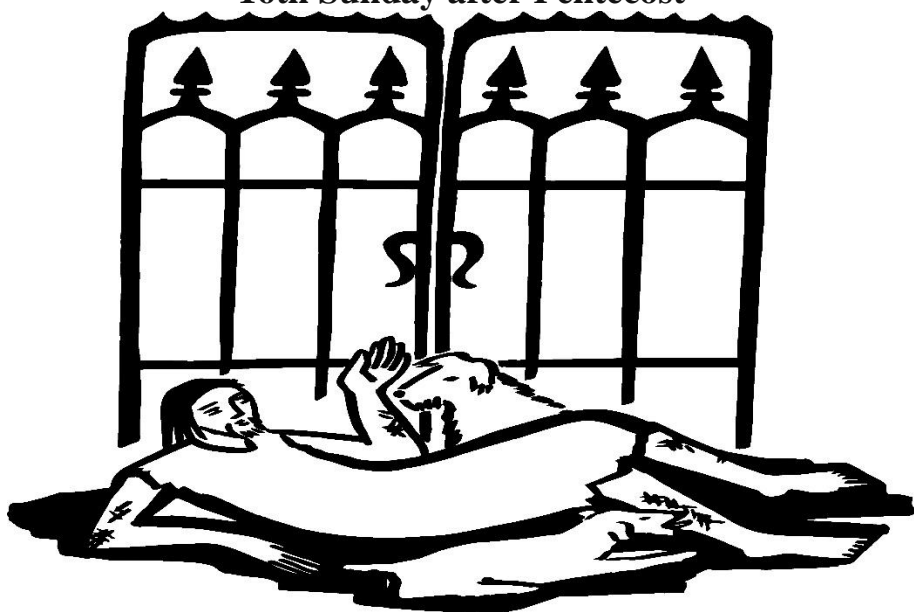
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**September 28, 2025**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**



### **Introduction to the day**

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

**Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter**  
**Attendance for September 21, 2025-**

## PRELUDE

*please stand if you are able.*

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

(ELW 532)

. **Gather Us In**

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

## 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.**

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and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup> Put not your <sup>1</sup> trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there <sup>1</sup> is no help.  
<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**  
**and in that day <sup>1</sup> their thoughts perish.**  
<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> for their help,  
whose hope is in the <sup>1</sup> LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>1</sup> is in them;**  
**who keeps promises forever;**  
<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to <sup>1</sup> those  
who hunger. The LORD sets the <sup>1</sup> captive free.  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**  
**who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down; the LORD <sup>1</sup> loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares <sup>1</sup> for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan  
and widow, but frustrates the way <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall <sup>1</sup> reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

A reading from 1 Timothy.

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with  
contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can  
take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be  
content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation  
and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge  
people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of

all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*please stand if you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Wind and Cold Roar (ACS 1010)

### Wind and Cold Roar

*Corre el viento*



- 1 Co - rre el vien-to en es - ta gran ciu - dad, mu - chos tem - bla -  
1 Wind and cold roar through the cit - y street; some folk have no  
2 Those with - in may swell with civ - ic pride; man - y wait out -  
3 Vi - o - lence and ha - tred, near and far, ter - ror, slaugh - ter,



rán: per - dón, Se - ñor. Pa - ra u - nos hoy ha - brá ca -  
heat: for - give us, Lord. Man - y have warm homes, wool clothes to  
side: for - give us, Lord. Some have man - y chanc - es to suc -  
war: for - give us, Lord. You in - sist the hun - gry shall be



lor, pa - ra o - tros, no: per - dón, Se - ñor.  
wear; this is so un - fair: for - give us, Lord.  
ceed; oth - ers live in need: for - give us, Lord.  
fed; let us give them bread: for - give us, Lord.

#### Refrain / Estribillo



A - yú - da - nos a en - ten - der nues - tra  
Help us grasp how this is our sin; teach us,



cul - pa, oh Se - ñor. Nues - tras a - le - grí - as son do -  
save us by your cross, for the things we crave and seek to



lor pa - ra mu - chos hoy: per - dón, Se - ñor.  
win cost our neigh - bors loss. For - give us, Lord.

2 Esta gran ciudad progresará,  
muchos sufrirán: perdón, Señor.  
Para unos, la oportunidad,  
para otros, no: perdón, Señor.

3 Guerras y más guerras por la paz,  
muchos morirán: perdón, Señor.  
Muchas manos se levantarán  
reclamando pan; perdón, Señor.

Text: Homero R. Perera, 1939–2019; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: CORRE EL VIENTO, Homero R. Perera

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## **CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our redeemer and friend.

**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*

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING HYMN**

**(ELW 583)**

**. Take My Life, That I May Be**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish

text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955 Music: William

Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

**Lord of the harvest,**

**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.**

**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,**

**but on you, who richly provides for us.**

**Multiply what we have gathered**

**to bless all who are suffering and in need,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your  
abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMN

(ELW 479)

### WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us

and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions

with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

**(ELW 723)**

. **Canticle of the Turning**

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: Irish traditional

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**BREAD LOAF OFFERING - SEPTEMBER – Grace Lutheran  
Church Preschool**

- Our Food Pantry is in need of cereal and peanut butter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 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

## **Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church**

### **Monday September 29, 2025**

Helping hands 12:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/G 6:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

### **Tuesday September 30, 2025**

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Cubscouts 6:30 pm

WC quilters 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday October 1, 2025**

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Pre-k Pictures 9:30 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Pre-k Pictures 1:30 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

### **Thursday October 2, 2025**

Pre-k Pictures 9:30 am

Pre-k Pictures 1:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

### **Friday October 3, 2025**

**Pastor's Day Off**

Food Pantry 12 pm

### **Saturday October 4, 2025**

### **Sunday October 5, 2025**

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:15 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

Blood pressure checks 11:15 am

Girl scouts 3-5 pm

**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.**