



June 28, 2026
5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching Out in Christ's Love



*Welcome
To Grace*

In response to Christ's boundless love, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace. We are glad you are joining us for this worship service!

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PARTICIPATING MINISTERS IN THE WORK OF GRACE

Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Weber
Assisting Minister	Anne Peterson
Lector	Lan Zeckser
Communion Server	Carol Codrescu
Pianist & Organist	Boyd Hamilton
Altar Guild	Mikki Matheson, Donna Rohde, and Susan Swaeby
Usher	Tom Lawson
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GATHERING

MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

*we confess to you all our sins;
our burden is heavy.*

*In your mercy, call us back to you,
for your yoke is easy and your burden is light.*

*Renew us and restore us
so that we dwell in your peace.*

Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me,
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God’s mercy and love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “As We Gather at Your Table” ELW 522

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - umphant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

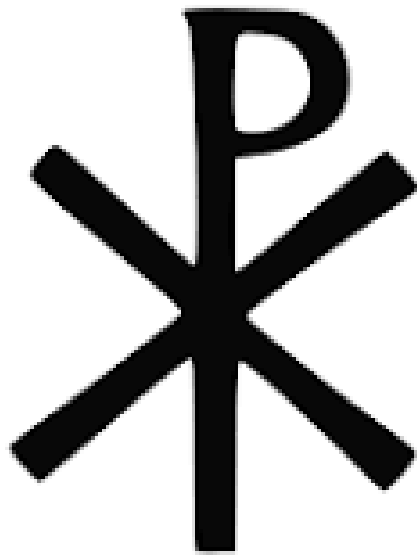
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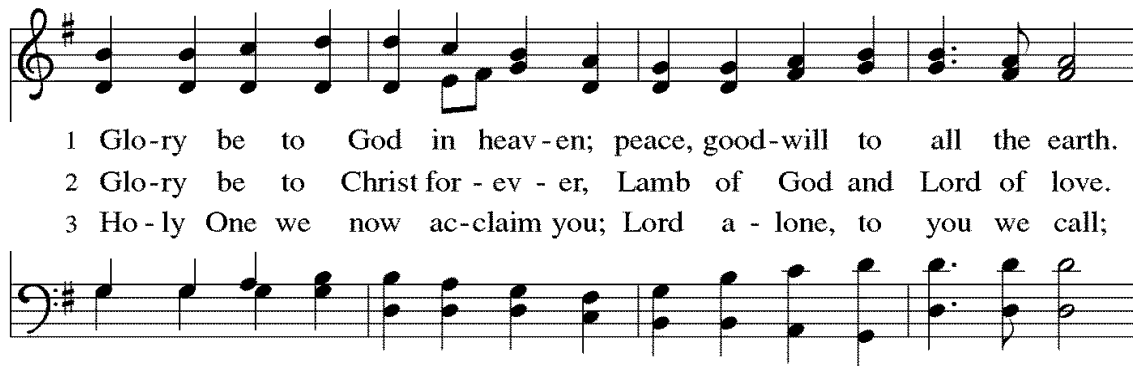
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

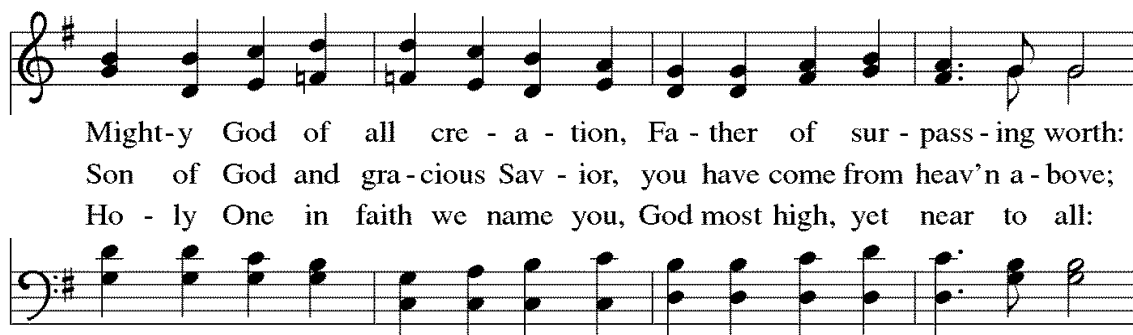
And also with you.



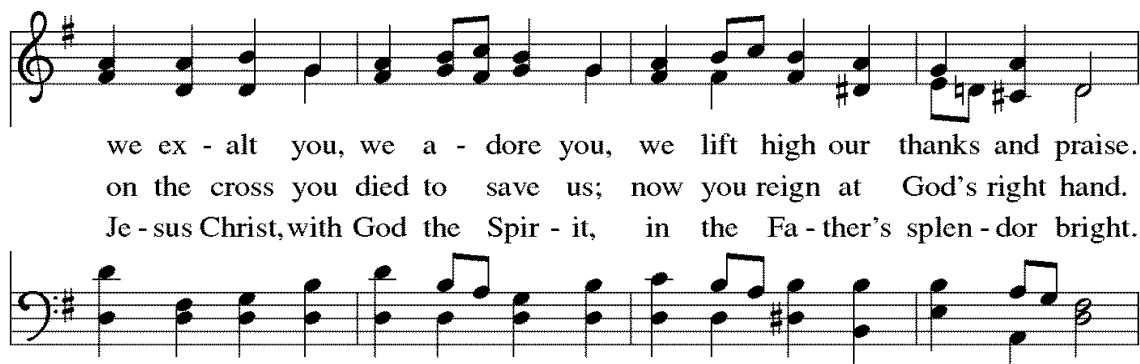
GLORIA



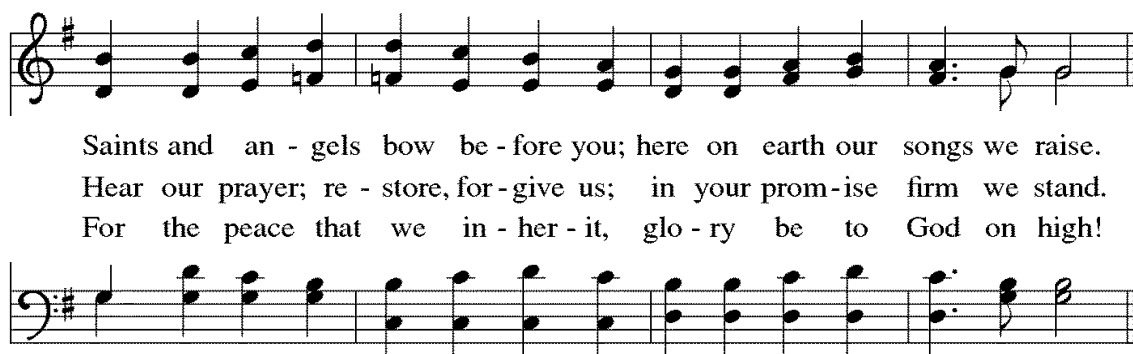
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² *For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established
forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*

³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ *‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”*

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ *They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.*

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ *Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.*

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

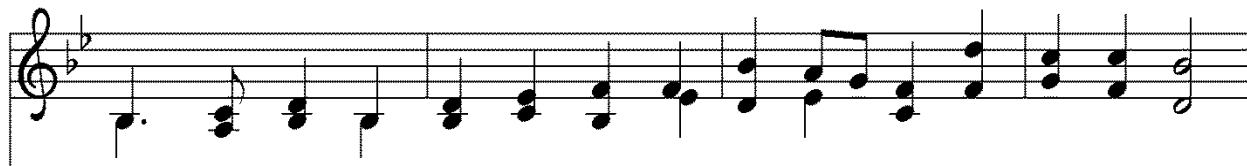
¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

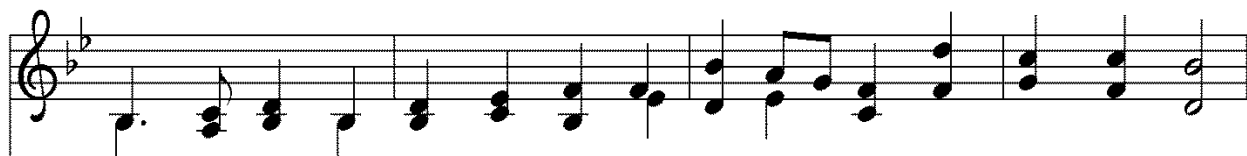
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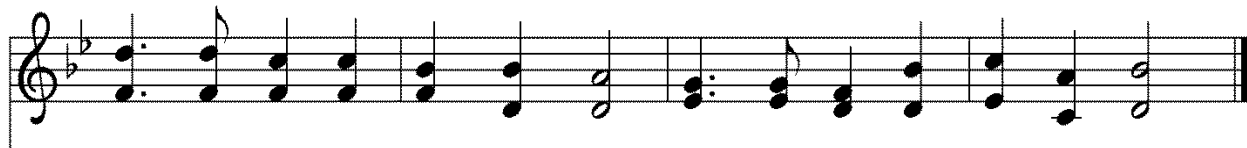
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Speak To Us”

ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in 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;
he descended into hell.
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 believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and to proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, bring life and healing to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division, especially in the Iran and Lebanon. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Hold in your care especially those beloved to us who we name before you now ... Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting that you hear us, we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Our gifts to God's work in the world reflect our thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. Thank you for your offerings which support God's work here at Grace, and for your offerings which support the work God does through other agencies and organizations.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us to trust in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

... as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen, Christ Will Come Again.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior taught us, so we 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.*

DISTRIBUTION

Heaven is in our midst;
all are invited to share this feast!

Thanks be to God.

This is God's table. We invite all who are hungry for Christ's presence in their lives to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table. For those who are not in the sanctuary: if you don't have bread, or you don't have wine or grape juice, Martin Luther reminds us that God's grace is fully present in each element – that receiving only the bread or only the wine is entire forgiveness. Further, those of you who might not receive communion for whatever reason, please recognize and understand that God's forgiveness and mercy and love are fully and completely provided to you in ways additional to Holy Communion.

AGNUS DEI



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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine

our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us so that through this holy meal,

we may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

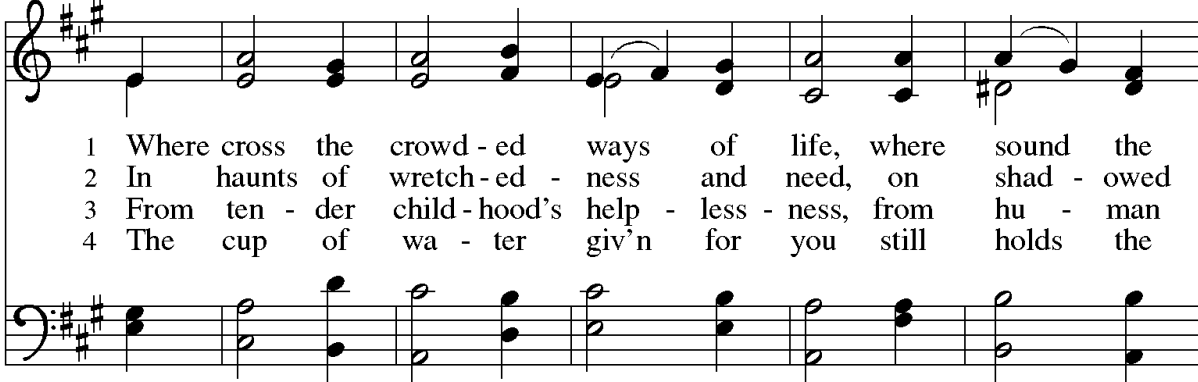
We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

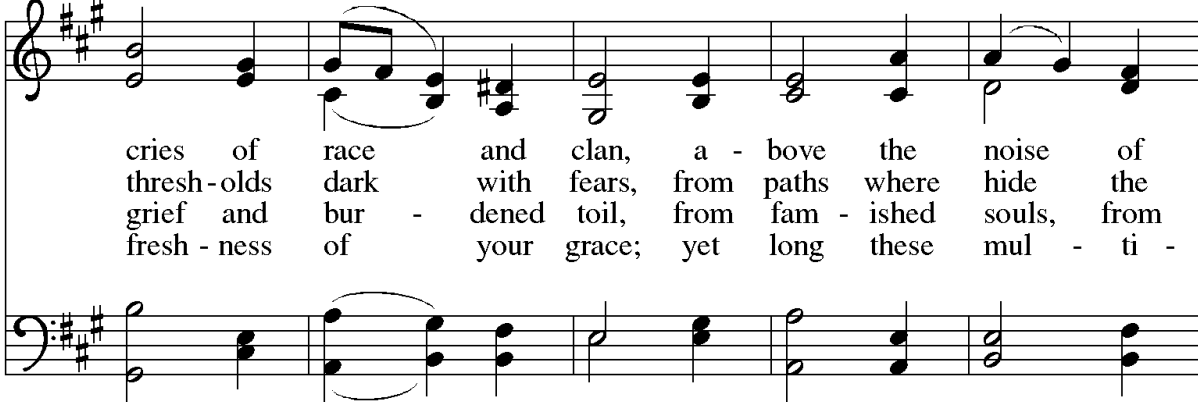
Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” ELW 719



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL INVITATION TO SERVICE

Scripture Readings for June 28: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

*Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*



We pray for **those grieving the death of:**

- Anna Sullivan (Janet Fox's friend)

We pray for **peace and safety** for:

- Katie Cunningham (friend of Patty Meyers) serving with the US Navy in the Arabian Sea

We pray for those **undergoing treatment:**

- Elizabeth Farr (former Grace member and choir director)
- Chuck Hamilton (Boyd Hamilton's brother) facing continuing treatment for extensive cancer
- Elita (Moira Matheson's friend in Scotland) undergoing treatment for terminal cancer
- Pr. Ron Roschke receiving treatment for cancer
- Hugh Ouellette (John Laitinen's cousin)
- Paul Herzegh (Mary and Charley Zabel's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Marilyn Engelbrecht (Sandi Stahl's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Tony Pappas (John Laitinen's friend)
- Marsha Herrmann receiving treatment for cancer

We pray for **hope and healing** for:

- Eliza McIntosh
- Mark Meehl (Janet Fox's brother) recovering from a heart attack
- John Gamble
- Carolyn Fuhrman (Charley Zabel's sister), who fell again, resulting in hospitalization, surgery, and more rehab
- Mikki Matheson

- Guy Heyl (Mary Zabel's friend) with a recent diagnosis of Alzheimer's
- Those impacted by the war in Iran
- Myrna & Terry McIntosh
- Dagiadi (Katherine Codrescu's friend), is thankful for Grace's prayers for him while he was hospitalized. He is home after 8 weeks in the hospital and is awaiting further treatment
- Nelda Gamble recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Hiroko Akima recovering from neck surgery
- Virginia Dozier (Tom Dozier's sister-in-law) moved to a memory care facility
- Beth Tepe (Nelda Gamble's sister-in-law) in poor health
- Sherrill Schneider (Hiroko Akima's friend)
- Ray Phillips (Karen O'Loughlin's brother-in-law) recovering at home
- all those affected by the Israel-Hamas War
- all those affected by the war against Ukraine
- all those affected by the ongoing war in Sudan
- Noah Laitinen (John Laitinen's nephew) working to recover after he was hit in a head-on drunk driving accident
- Nick Vanderborgh
- Donda Combs and Marie Jauncey (Hiroko Akima's friends)
- John Laitinen
- Coqui Stetson (John Laitinen's daughter) recovering from a car accident
- Emmanuel Rusaka
- Susan Hull (Patty Meyers' friend) with ALS and other concerns
- Carl Stubenrauch
- Allan Wolfe
- Pete Tafoya
- Rich Harris (John Laitinen's cousin)

Grace Partner in Ministry

Grace's Partner in Mission (PiM) for June 2026 is: **Community Food Share**. At Community Food Share, their mission is to ensure everyone in Boulder and Broomfield Counties has access to the nutritious food they need — to not just survive but thrive. However, they're more than a food bank — they're a neighbor and a friend. Life can get hard — and when it does, they'll always "be here to support you when you need it the most." Read more at communityfoodshare.org

Thanks to the **Grace Foundation**, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2026 up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "Food" to the memo line. You may place checks in the mail slot at Grace, send through the US mail, or use our electronic giving option Simply Giving on the Grace website. Thank you for your generosity!

Rooted in Grace

We are in our summer schedule of **Sunday Worship at 9:30 am!**

With the departure of Ben and Greg, we are looking for a few more folks who would like to be trained on the **AV system**. Interested? Schedule a time with Amy.

Adult Education takes a break for the summer

The readings for next Sunday, the 5th Sunday after Pentecost, June 28, 2026, are:

- **Zechariah 9:9-12** *The king will come in humility and peace*
- **Psalms 145:8-14** *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*
- **Romans 7:15-25a** *The struggle within the self*
- **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30** *The yoke of discipleship*

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

The **American Councils for International Education** is currently seeking host families. Hosting an exchange student is a meaningful way to support cultural exchange, global education, and people-to-people diplomacy. For more information, please contact Kelly Horst at 202-220-8208.

You are invited to join a **Pilgrimage to Romania**, a land with Christian history that goes back to the earliest days of the church. Mihail Codrescu, who grew up in Romania, will be your guide for this amazing adventure.

The trip will be relatively inexpensive and absolutely worth it for you to register. Please get in touch with Mihail at mihail1@aim.com, or at (720) 530-2846.

Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones. New Beginnings also requests that we help them fill their Cowboy's Closet, which is aimed at helping women leaving prison.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, June 28: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary + YouTube

10:45 am Church Council Meeting, Library

Monday, June 29

7-8 pm NA, Fellowship Hall

7-8 pm NarAnon, Library

Tuesday, June 30

12-1 pm Staff Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, July 1

11 am-12 pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, July 2

9:30 am-12:30 pm Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 3

6-7 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 4

United States Independence Day

9 am-12 pm Organist Practice, Sanctuary

Sunday, July 5: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary + YouTube

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Maja Skret
Rayo Rodriguez

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Director of Music
Office Administrator
Financial Administrators
Custodian



The people of God at Grace Lutheran Church acknowledge that we live and move and have our being on the traditional land of the Ute, the Arapahoe, and the Cheyenne people – land where they lived, loved, drummed, danced, sang, prayed, and served as caretakers for many generations, long before this congregation was established.

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