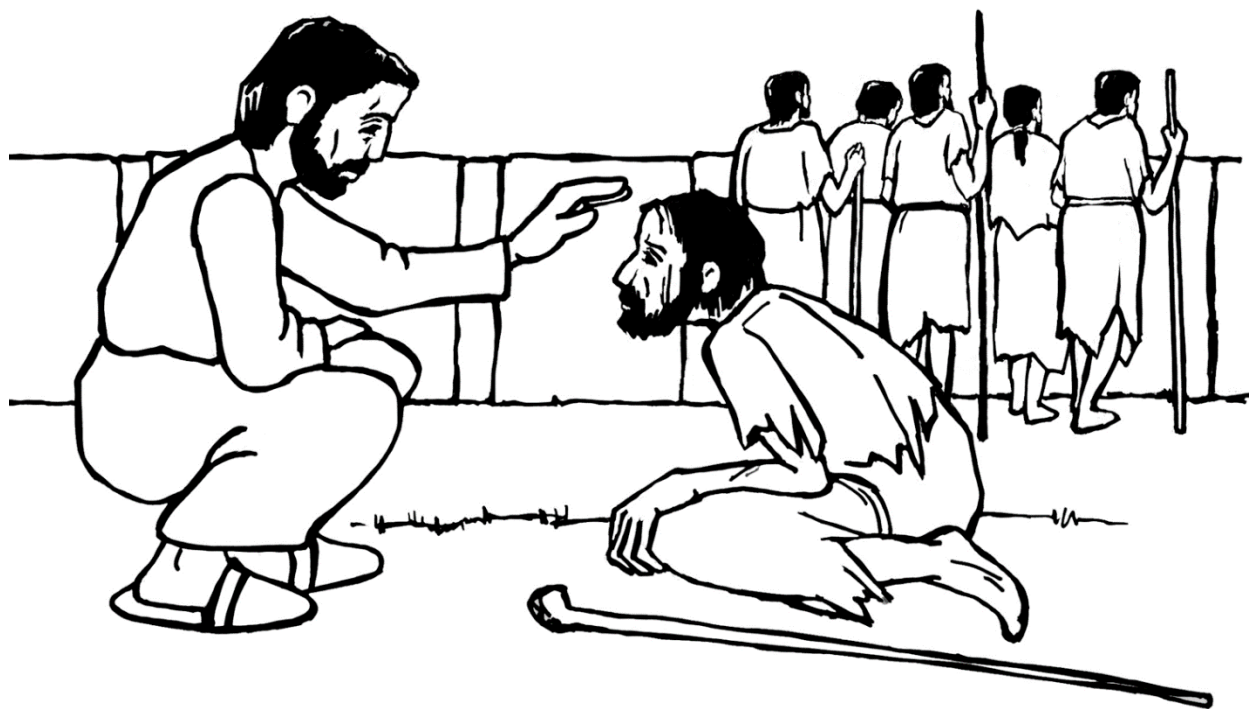




October 12, 2025
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching Out in Christ's Love



*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!

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

PARTICIPATING MINISTERS IN THE WORK OF GRACE

Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Weber
Assisting Minister	Katherine Alexander
Communion Server	Carol Codrescu
Lector	Gordon Day
Pianist & Organist	Boyd Hamilton
Lead Singers	Alice Del Simone - soprano, Melody English – alto, Whitney Robinson – alto Simon Daum – tenor, Davian Raggio – tenor, Luke North – bass
Altar Guild	Mikki Matheson, Donna Rohde, and Susan Swaebby
Usher	Greg Niesen
Financial Counters	Greg Niesen & Susan Swaebby
Digital Worship Coordinator	Amy Stewart McIntosh

GATHERING

MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

***you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.***

***We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.***

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

***We reject your abundance,
trusting our own impulses instead of your steadfast love.***

***Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us again to new life.***

Amen.

Hear the good news:

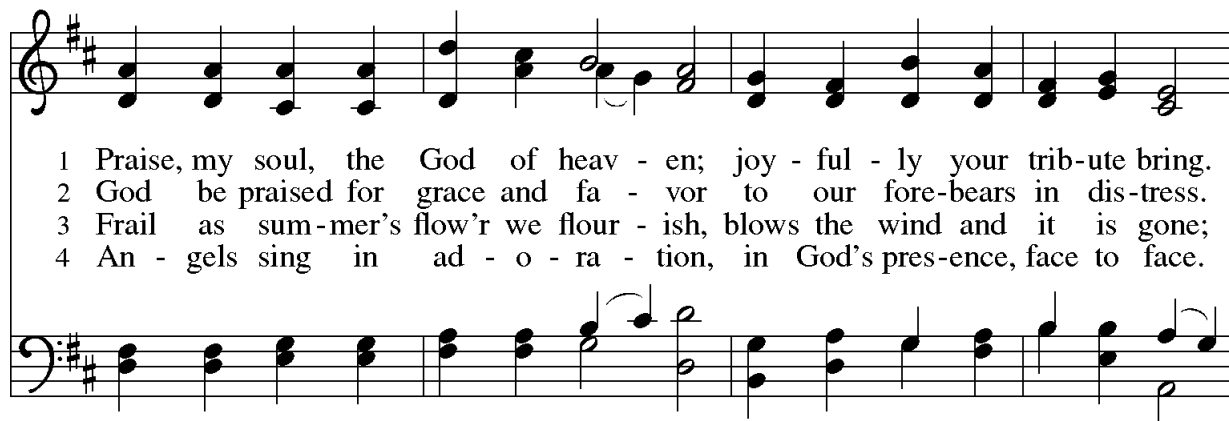
God the Faithful One loves you,

☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

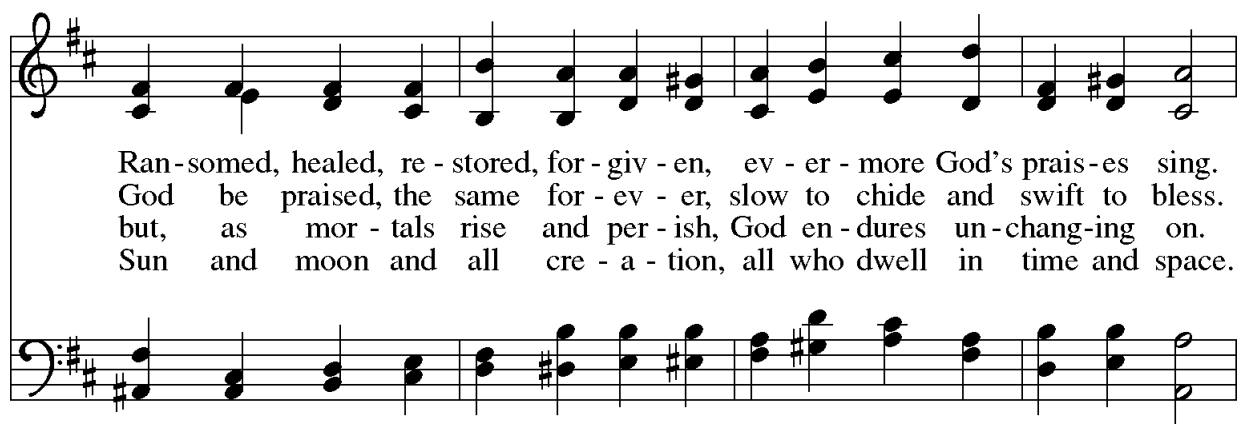
and by the power of Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

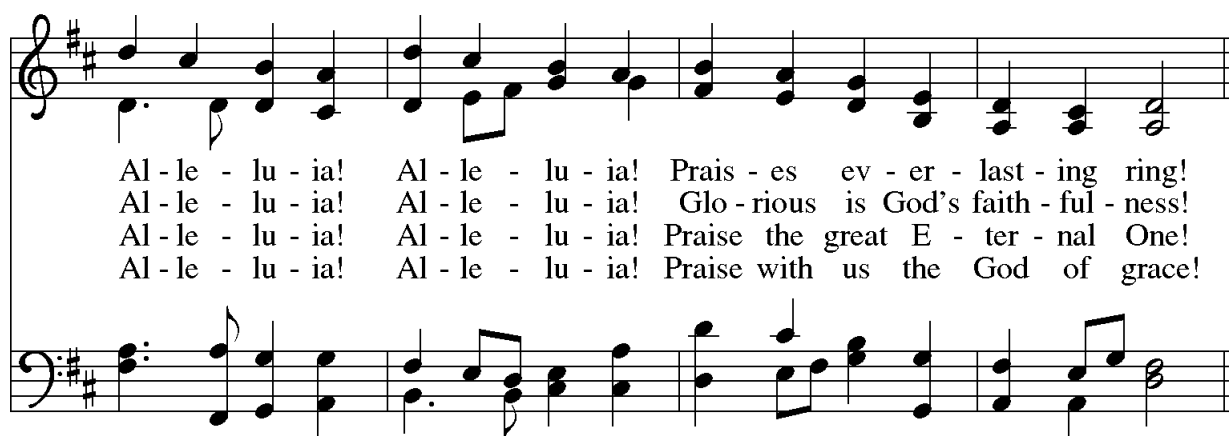
GATHERING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” ELW 864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

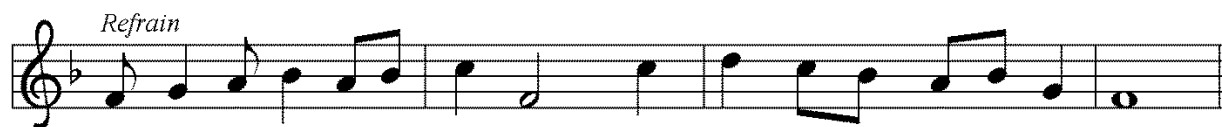
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 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

REETING

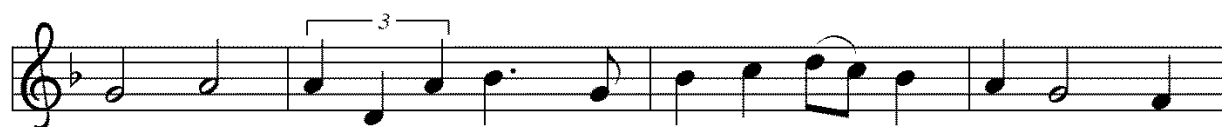
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

GLORIA



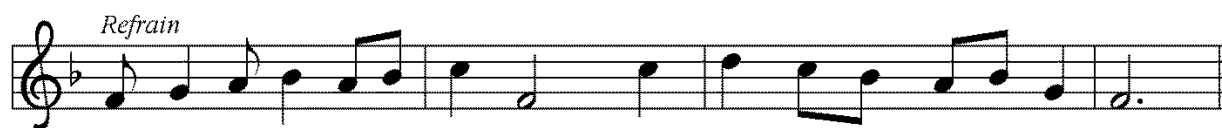
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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 in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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 in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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 in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God:

Your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!" ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?

Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² *Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.*

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ *You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.*

⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ *You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.*

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ *They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.*

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant
forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.*

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

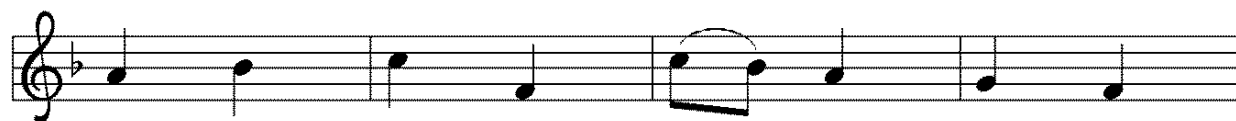
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

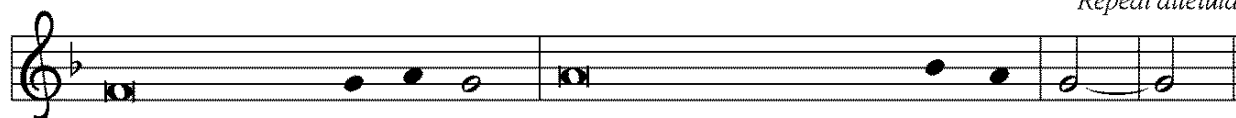


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” ELW 617

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Kamryn for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Kamryn and pray for her in her life in Christ?

We do.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
*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 to the dead.*
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.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
*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.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Kamryn is baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Kamryn, Child of God

***You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.***

Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Kamryn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Kamryn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: we receive you as a fellow Child of God, and a worker with us in the Reign of God, as we seek to embody God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share your word for the sake of the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and communities into right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those who, like the lepers who approached Jesus, are in need of your healing. We pray especially for those we name at this time ... God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith.
Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of
grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

“God is Seen”

Parker

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

“Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful”

ELW 182



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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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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.

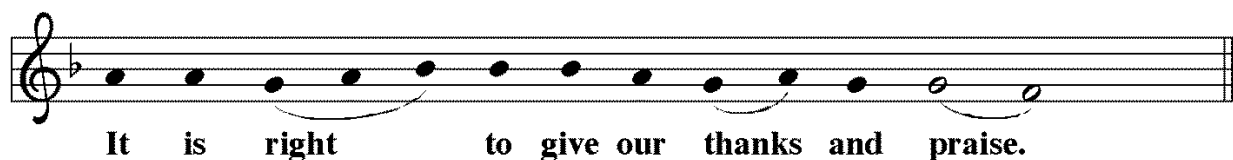
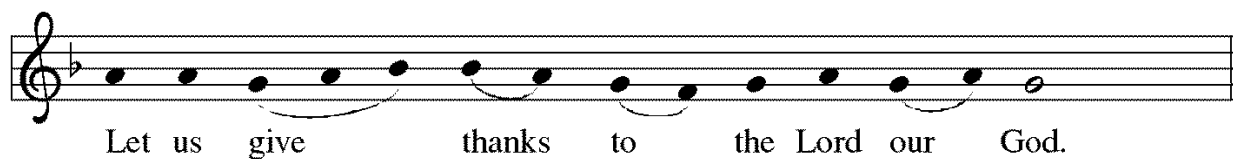
Multiply what we have gathered

so that all who are suffering and in need will be blessed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

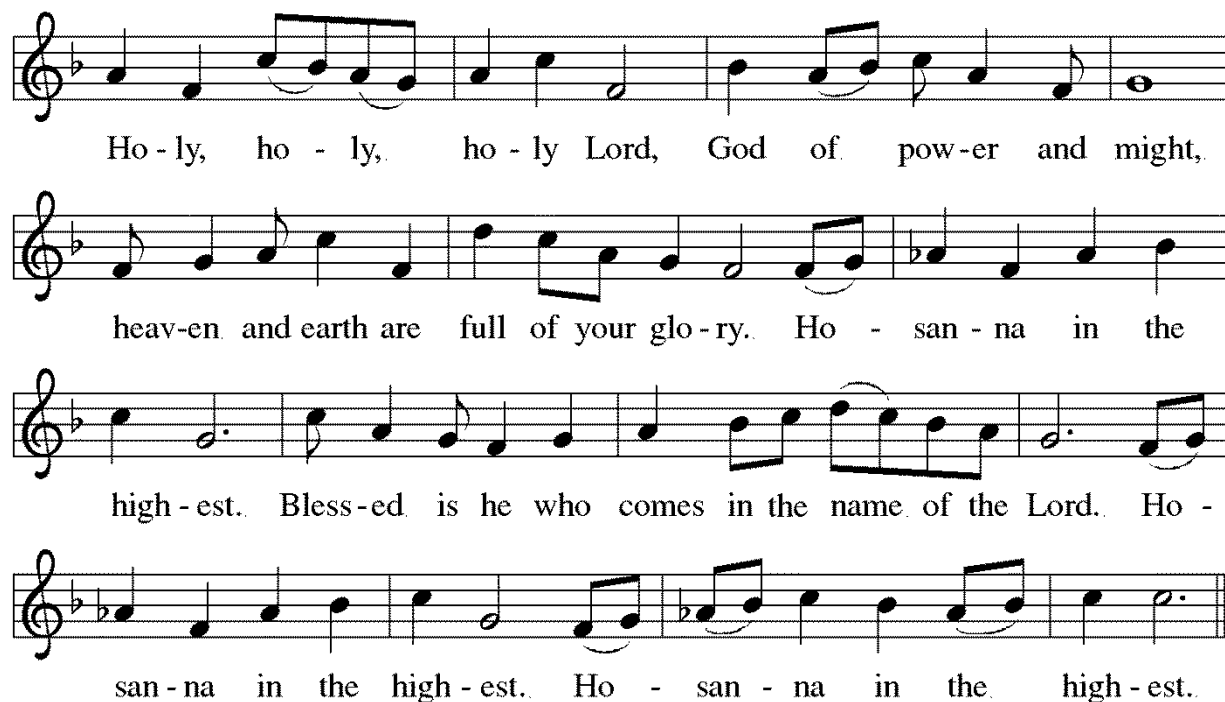
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

To you indeed be glory ...
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

As we share this bread and cup ...
may be fed, and forgiven, and strengthened to serve you.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by 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.*

DISTRIBUTION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

All are welcome at this meal of mercy.

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

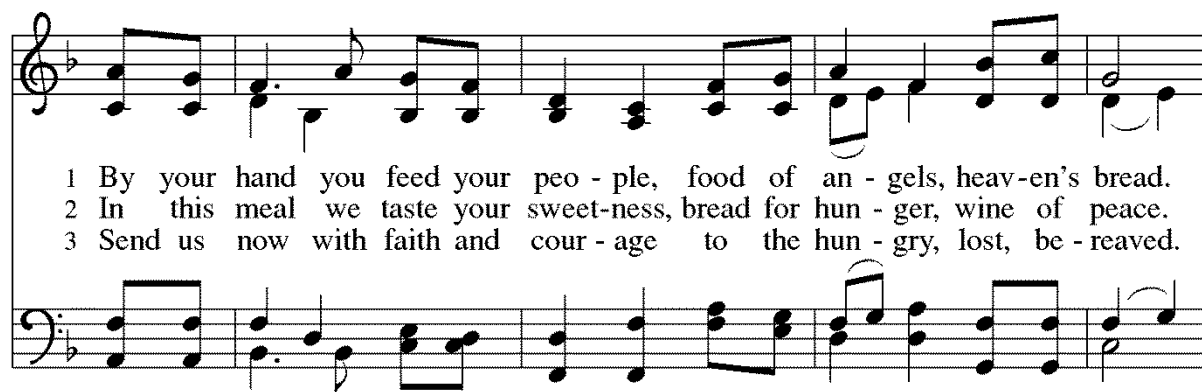
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

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.

COMMUNION “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” ELW 469

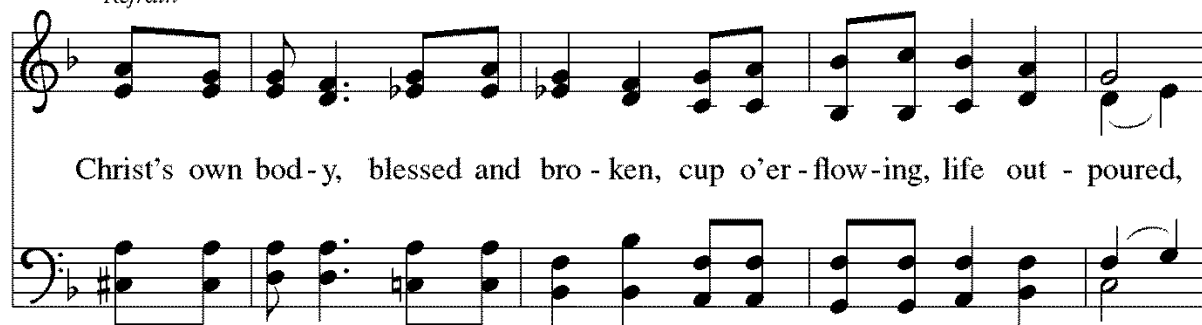


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

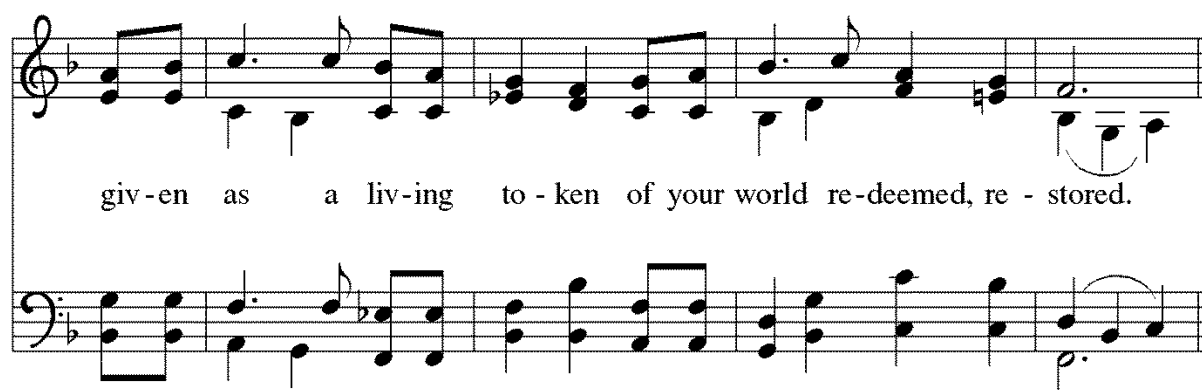


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us out to do good
and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

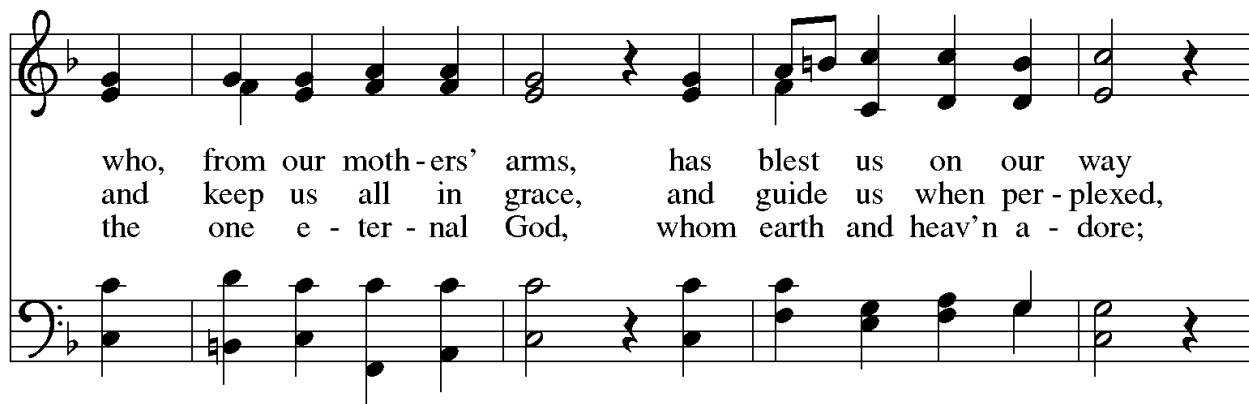
“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW 840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joice-es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
in the name of Christ Jesus ✠ our Savior
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO SERVICE

Scripture Readings for October 19: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8



GRACE NOTES

a guide to parish life at Grace

October 12, 2025

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

- Lester Tepe (Nelda Gamble's brother)

We pray for those **undergoing treatment:**

- Dagiadi (Dee) (Katherine Codrescu's friend) hospitalized with gallbladder issues
- Elita (Moir 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
- Margurite DuPont (Tom Dozier's childhood friend) fighting metastatic breast cancer
- Karen O'Loughlin's Godchild
- Robert Reish (Sandi Stahl's friend)

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

- Beth Tepe (Nelda Gamble's sister-in-law) in poor health
- Carolyn Fuhrman (Charley Zabel's sister) in rehab for a broken arm and sprained ankle due to a fall
- Mikki Matheson
- all those impacted by the flash flooding in Alaska, New Mexico, New York, and New Jersey
- Guy Heyl (Mary Zabel's friend) healing from a diagnosis of heart failure
- Sherrill Schneider (Hiroko Akima's friend)
- Ray Phillips (Karen O'Loughlin's brother-in-law) recovering at home
- all those impacted by the war in Iran
- all those affected by the Israel-Hamas War
- all those affected by the war against Ukraine
- all those affected by the conflict 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 October 2025 is: **Kutandara**.

For the past three years, Grace Lutheran Church has supported Kutandara through its Partners in Mission program, sustaining cultural exchange and community-building through music. These generous gifts let Kutandara continue its work in Zimbabwe—preserving traditional music and dance and creating opportunities for young people and their mentors to connect across divides. Programs like the Friendship Festival bring together groups who might never meet, fostering collaboration and strengthening community bonds.

In today's world—where isolation and division are common—the power of connection is more vital than ever. Kutandara sees music not just as art, but as a force for unity, healing, and resilience. Support from Grace amplifies this belief, enabling artists in Zimbabwe and Boulder to build bridges across cultures and rise together through shared creativity.

Ongoing support sustains programs that build cross-cultural understanding, empower youth, and preserve Zimbabwe's rich musical heritage. Especially now, when compassion is essential, this partnership shows how communities—separated by geography but united in purpose—can rise together. #TogetherWeRise

Read more at kutandara.org

Thanks to the Grace Foundation, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2025 up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "Kutandara" 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

Lectionary Bible Study continues this week on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 11 am. The readings for October 12, 2025, are:

- **Genesis 32:22-31** *Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me*
- **Psalms 121** *My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)*
- **2 Timothy 3:14—4:5** *In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*
- **Luke 18:1-8** *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

Adult Ed continues next week on October 19 at 8:45 am in Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of a few weeks comparing the three Creeds – Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian.

Third Thursday Theology resumes this week on October 16 at Back Country Pizza. We'll gather at 5:30 pm..

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

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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 has a new request, which is for us to help them fill their Cowboy's Closet, which is aimed at helping women leaving prison. Most women leave prison with less than \$300 available to them and are often in need of basic items. Bring any donations to Grace and Pastor Matthew and Amy will coordinate their delivery to New Beginnings with Pastor Samm.

This Week at Grace

Sunday, October 12: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall

10 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary + YouTube

Monday, October 13

7-8 pm NA, Fellowship Hall

7-8 pm NarAnon, Library

7-9 pm Harmonia Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 14

12-1 pm Grace Staff Meeting, Zoom

6-7:30 Sing Out 4 Peace, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 15

11 am-12 pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

7-8:15 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 16

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

5:30pm-7:00pm Third Thursday Theology (Backcountry Pizza)

Friday, October 17

6-7 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

8-9 pm NA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 18

9 am-12 pm Organist Practice, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 19: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall

10 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary + YouTube

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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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