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9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

11:30am Special Voter's
Meeting

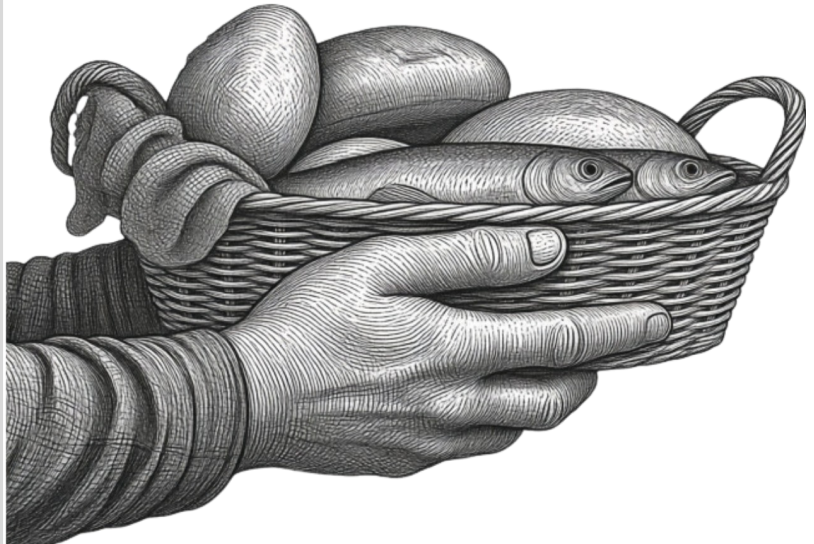
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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church Sunday, August 2, 2026 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



David H. Brooks, Pastor

*We go with Good News, teaching, serving,
and sharing Christ with our neighbors.*

TODAY'S VERSE:

"They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish". And he said, "Bring them here to me."

~Matthew 14:17-18

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." -John 10:10

Worshiping with us for the first time?

If you are a first time visitor, welcome! We're glad you're here!

We encourage you to review our statement of communion on page 17.

If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with the Pastor or one of our ushers.

Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself.

If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see.

We welcome children in worship services.

Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever" (Rom. 9:5), we are "the children of God" (Rom. 9:8), "not because of works but because of him who calls" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "listen diligently" and "hear, that your soul may live." By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "an everlasting covenant" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food" (Is. 55:2-3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "said a blessing," broke the loaves, "and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds" (Matt. 14:18-19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces," there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence is provided for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN — *In Thee Is Gladness* (LSB 818)

1 In Thee is glad-ness A-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow-ers, Not of

sun-shine of my heart. By Thee are giv-en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless-es In worst dis-

heav-en, Thou the true Re-deem-er art. Our souls Thou
tress-es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the

wak-est, Our bonds Thou break-est; Who trusts Thee sure-ly Has built se-
sto-ry Tell of His glo-ry With hearts and voic-es; All heav'n re-

cure-ly; He stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
joic-es In Him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for

pin-ing To see Thy shin-ing, Dy-ing or liv-ing
glad-ness, Tri-umph o'er sad-ness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleav-ing; Naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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KYRIE (LSB 942)



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,
 Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!
 Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.
 O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:
 Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!
 Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the
 gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this
 sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5 (Pew Bible, pg. 615)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 55th Chapter of Isaiah.

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136 – *Love Is Never Ending* (Gather Comp. 131)

Congregation sings refrain



1. We give thanks unto you, O God of might. *Refrain.* We give thanks unto you, the God of gods. *Refrain.*
2. In your wisdom and love you shaped the skies. *Refrain.* You spread out the earth upon the sea. *Refrain.*
3. You have filled all the skies with glory and light. *Refrain.* The sun for the day and moon for the night. *Refrain.*
4. From of old you have led your people in faith. *Refrain.* From You have shown your compassion, strength and love. *Refrain.*

5. You delivered the ones who called unto you. *Refrain.* From bondage to freedom, you have brought them forth. *Refrain.*
6. You have opened the sea and brought your people through. *Refrain.* Brought them into a land that flows with life. *Refrain.*
7. You remember your promise age to age. *Refrain.* You show mercy on those of low degree. *Refrain.*
8. You give food and life to all living things. *Refrain.* We give thanks unto you, the God of all. *Refrain.*

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 9:1-13 (*Pew Bible, pg. 945*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 9th Chapter of Romans.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his

offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.”¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21 (*Pew Bible, pg. 820*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to

eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON— *Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

HYMN OF THE DAY — *O Living Bread from Heaven* (LSB 642)

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly

feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,

Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my

bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,

gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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APOSTLES' CREED *(spoken in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

† meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds:

P Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord,
with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son,
that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to You for the salvation You have provided to us
through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in
His holy supper.

C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

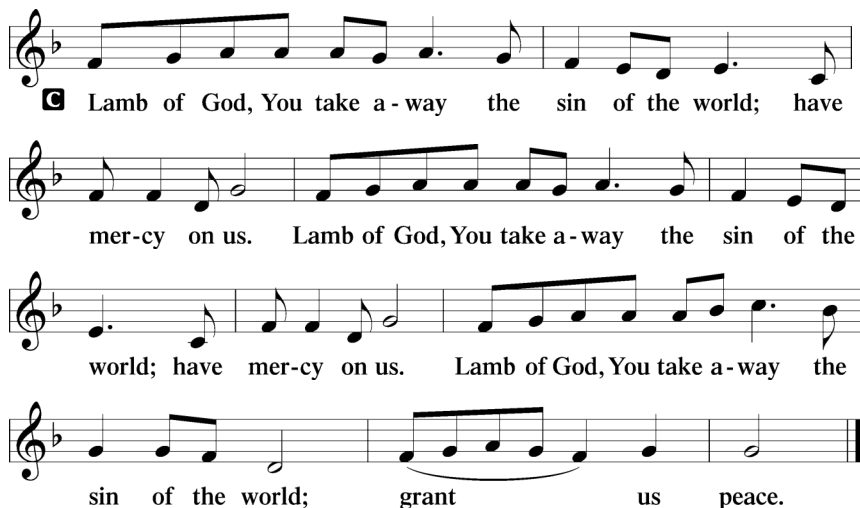
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

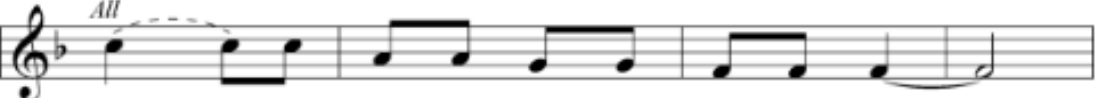
DISTRIBUTION HYMN — Come, Let Us Eat (LSB 626)

Leader



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

All



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.

Leader



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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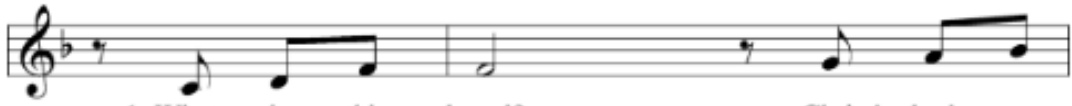
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *What Is This Bread* (LSB 629)



1 What is this bread?
 2 What is this wine?
 3 So who am I,
 4 Yet is God here?
 5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
 The blood of
 That I should
 Oh, yes! By
 I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
 Je - sus shed for mine;
 live and He should die
 Word and prom - ise clear,
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
 The cup of grace
 Un - der the rod?
 In mouth and soul
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,
 Brings His em - brace
 My God, my God,
 He makes us whole—
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Of life and love un - til I
 Why have You not for - sak - en
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.
 sing!
 me?
 meal.
 blood.

O taste and see—
 O taste and see—
 O taste and see—
 O taste and see—
 O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
 the Lord is King.
 the Lord is free.
 the Lord is real.
 the Lord is good.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* (LSB 806)

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



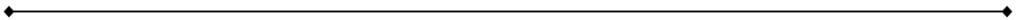
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the promised feast in the Holy Supper. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout the days of our pilgrimage that, on the day of the Lord's approach, we may, with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN — *Father, We Thank Thee* (LSB 652)



1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from



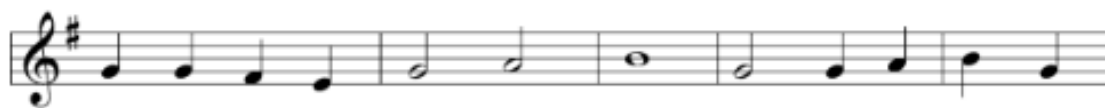
name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -



mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was



give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy



Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Musician

Erin Hodge, organist

Ushers

Walt Crosmer
Tom McGill

Reader

Kristen Poppe

Communion Assistants

Dean Kolba
Gary Stuhlmiller

Greeter

Jan Kolba

Altar Guild

Vivian Harris
Kathy Peterson

A/V Operator

Barb Tippin

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Sunday, August 2

Ignite: Welcome to Grace (11:30am)

Young Adults Group (3-4:30pm)

Wednesday, August 5

LWML Quilting (10am)

Prayer Service (12pm)

Saturday, August 8

Farmer's Market (1-4pm)

Saturday, August 22

Gather @ Grace: Summer Fun (1-4pm)

Saturday, August 29

Youth Escape Room

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