



This Sunday

*8:30am Pastor's Class:
Going in Faith
(Fellowship Hall)*

*9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)*

*10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)*

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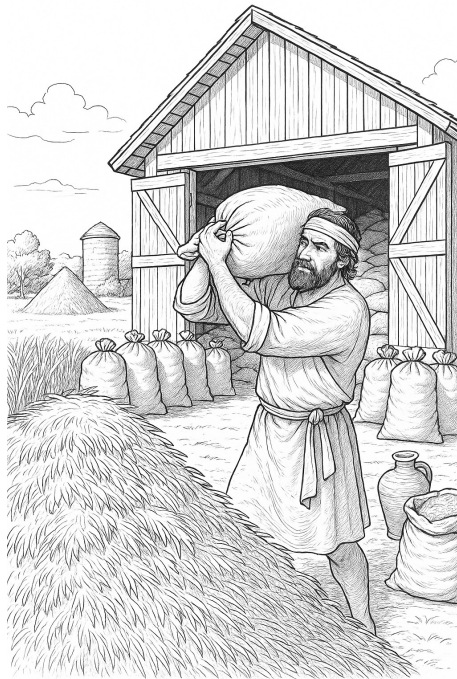
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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 3, 2025
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



David H. Brooks, Pastor

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

TODAY'S VERSE:

*"For to the one who pleases Him, God
has given wisdom and knowledge and joy."
-Ecclesiastes 2:26*

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 15.

If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with Pastor Brooks 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

Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God

To live for earthly things "is vanity and a striving after wind," and work that is driven by such vanity "is an unhappy business" (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for "all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow" (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). But "Christ Who is your life" (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be "rich toward God" in Him (Luke 12:21).

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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8)*

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

In this time, you may present to God any particular issue that is weighing on your heart or stealing your peace. If you are particularly troubled, you are welcome to seek private confession with the Pastor.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN — *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (LSB 807)



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
 Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur-few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Hath none that can com-pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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KYRIE — (WOV 602)



1, 3 Lord, ... have mer - cy. Lord, ... have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, ... have mer - cy. Christ, ... have mer - cy.



Lord, ... have mer - cy.
 Christ, ... have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C 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.



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.



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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26* (pg. 553)
The Old Testament Lesson is from the 1st and 2nd Chapters of Ecclesiastes

^{1:2}Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun,

²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God,

²⁵for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? *(continues)*

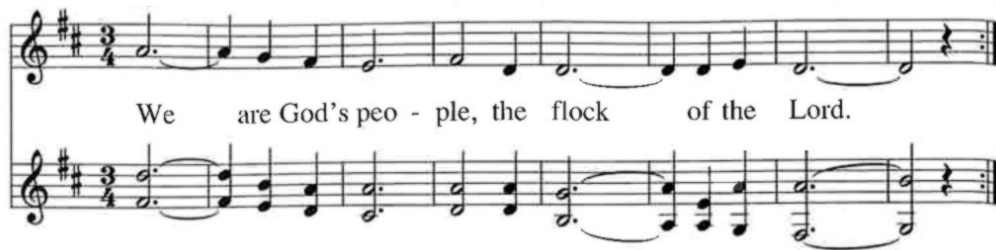
²⁶For to the one who pleases Him, God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner He has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 – *We Are God's People* (Gather Comp. 97)

Congregation sings refrain



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| <p>1 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you lands, all you lands. Serve the Lord now with gladness, come before God singing for joy!
Refrain</p> | <p>3 Go, now within the gates giving thanks, giving thanks. Enter the courts, singing praise, give thanks and bless God's name!
Refrain</p> |
| <p>2 Know that the Lord is God! Know that the Lord is God, who made us, to God we belong, God's people, the sheep of the flock!
Refrain</p> | <p>4 Indeed, how good is the Lord, whose mercy endures forever, for the Lord, is faithful, is faithful from age to age!
Refrain</p> |

The Epistle Lesson is from the 3rd Chapter of Colossians.

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ Who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.

¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

HYMN OF THE DAY — *All Depends on Our Possessing* (LSB 732)



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y

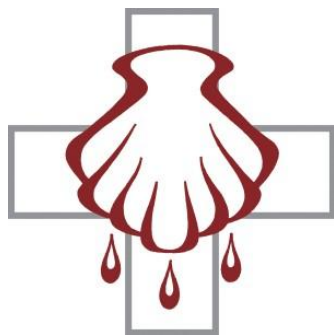


not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

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| <p>5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.</p> | <p>6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
 God my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.</p> |
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RITE OF BAPTISM (*see insert*)



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Adam Craig Casteel

Sunday, August 3, 2025, 10:10 AM

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Durham, NC

P: Beloved of God, we rise to greet those who have been called by the Holy Spirit to follow our Lord Jesus in his more excellent way, to share in our Lord's Supper and to be with us witnesses to our Lord's life and work in the world.

Sponsor: I present Adam Craig Casteel to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: You have been among us to hear God's Word, the holy and lifesaving Gospel.
What do you ask of God's Church?

R: To be baptized and live among you as one redeemed by God.

P: Dear ones, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, begone, you unclean spirit, for you must give way for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the ✠ cross upon your forehead, for from now on you will seek the mind of Christ; upon ✠ your hands, for from now on you will lift up holy hands to His glory; upon ✠ your heart, for from now on you will belong to Him who loves you.

Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray on behalf of Your servant Adam Casteel, who asks for the gift of Your Baptism and desires Your eternal grace through spiritual rebirth. Receive him, Lord, according to Your promise: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Now give Your blessing to he who asks and open the door to he who knocks, so that he may obtain the eternal blessing of this heavenly bath and receive the promised kingdom that You give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

All travel together to the font.

P: In Christian love you have presented and stand with this one called to the waters of death and new birth. Will you pray for Adam Casteel, reassure him of the grace and love that God has made known in his Son, encourage and care for him as God grants opportunity and strength, that together, living in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ?

If so, answer "I will."

R: I will.

P: Congregation of Grace, will you receive Adam Casteel as a fellow sinner redeemed at the cross, and as a fellow saint blessed with the Holy Spirit? Will you pray for him, surround him with Christian love and care, and share with him the lessons of Law and Gospel from God's Holy Word?

C: We will.

P: May God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work, and with His grace fulfill what in weakness you are unable to do.

The pastor addresses the candidate(s).

P: How are you named?

R: Adam Craig Casteel

P: Adam Craig Casteel, the Word of God teaches us that all who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into His death. In baptism, we are buried with Christ into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life."

And so I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce the devil?

R: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

Here, the believing community joins the candidate in confessing the creed.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God?

C: I believe 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the holy catholic^a Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Let us pray:

Heavenly 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 all living things. In the waters of the flood, You condemned the wicked and saved those whom You had chosen, Noah and his family. In the waters of the Red Sea, You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his army and led Your people Israel through the waters on dry ground, out of slavery to the freedom of the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan River, 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 all that would hold us in bondage and has opened the way to new and eternal life. He made water a sign of the Kingdom, of cleansing and of rebirth, and so, in obedience to His command, we go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that those washed here may be given new life and be able to tell of Your glories in the world.

Wash away the sin of all those cleansed by this water; bring them forth as inheritors of Your glorious Kingdom; help them to cling always to the promise and truth of Your Word; keep them safe within the Ark of your Church; make of them priests to serve You with joyful hearts.

To You be give praise and honor and worship through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.

Amen.

^a The term “catholic” is used to speak of the whole Church through space and time as it confesses the full apostolic truth of Christian doctrine and witness.

The candidate is baptized.

P: Adam Craig Casteel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for freeing Your sons and daughters from the power of sin and death, and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament.

Pour out Your Spirit upon Adam Casteel: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence.

C: Amen.

Adam Casteel, child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the ✠ cross of Christ forever.

Giving of the Baptismal Light

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

Welcome from the Congregation

P: Through baptism, God has included Adam Casteel in the fellowship of the saints, the royal priesthood, the holy nation, that with us she may declare the wonderful deeds of God.

C: We welcome you into the household of the Lord, and receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and a servant with us in the Kingdom of God.

P: Adam Craig Casteel, rise, for Christ your Savior calls you! Walk in newness of life, In the strength of the Holy Spirit, with Christ before you to lead, behind you to guard, And beside you to guide to eternal life.

C: Amen.

Adam was welcomed into this world on September 24, 1985 by his parents, Steve and Theresa Casteel. We rejoice, celebrating that Adam now has another birthday – born in the Spirit. Thanks be to God!

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.

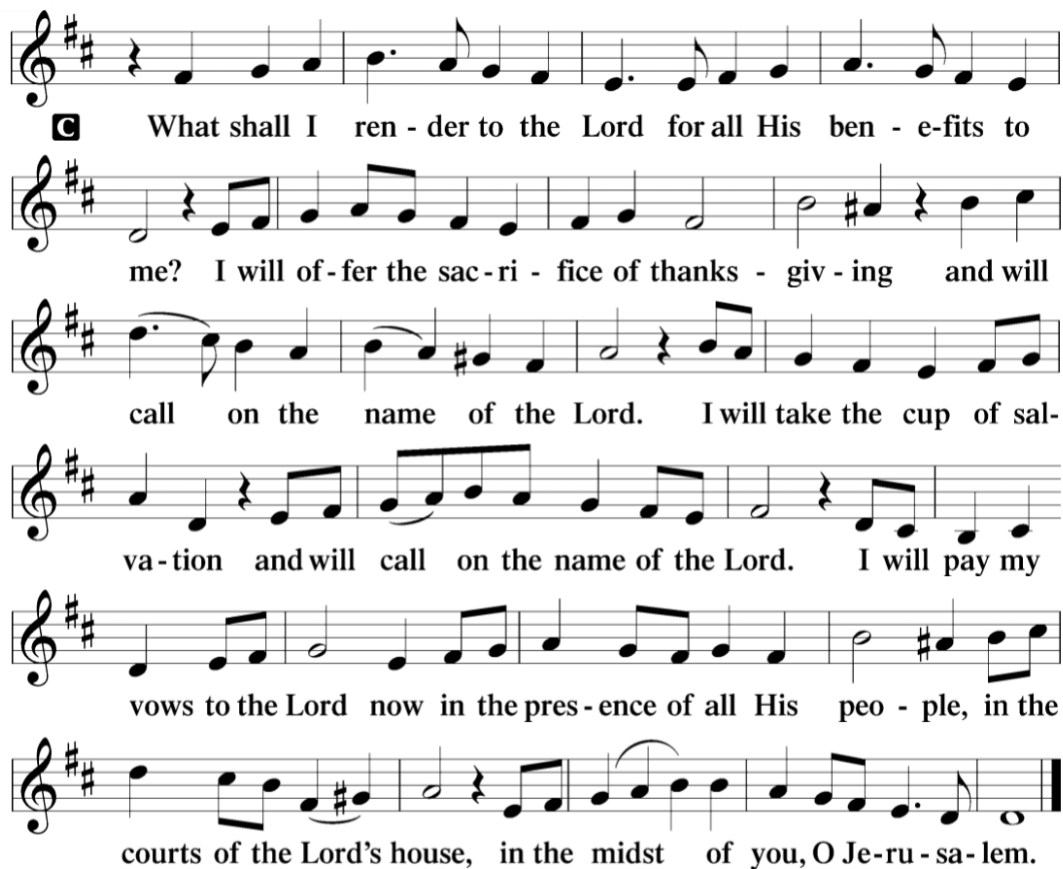
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your
mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

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



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked with a 'C' for common time. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases starting on a half note. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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-
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PREFACE

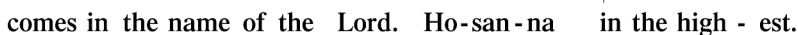
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

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:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Through Abraham You promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, Your chosen people. Through the prophets You renewed Your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, You sent Your Son, Who in words and deeds proclaimed Your kingdom and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

P Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

■ 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 — *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* (LSB 434)



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (LSB 384)



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77
Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V, Text and tune: Public domain

THANK THE LORD

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

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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 — *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (LSB 924)



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Text (sts. 1–2): attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79
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Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
 O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

- P** Where do you go?
C **Into the world! Christ sends us that we may tell the Good News of the Kingdom of God.**
P Then go in peace; rejoice in God; love one another.
C **In the name of Christ! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

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 Erin Hodge, organist

Ushers
 Dave Pittman
 Tom McGill, Acolyte

Reader
 Kent Silvernail

Communion Assistant
 Marie Snyder

Greeter
 Kathy Pittman

Altar Guild
 Sally Sump, setup
 and clean up

A/V Operator
 Barb Tippin

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Monday, August 4th

Brown Bag Bible Study (11:30am)

Book Club on *The Alice Network* (7pm, Zoom)

Tuesday, August 5th

Growing Thru Grief (4pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church)

Wednesday, August 6th

LWML Quilting Group (10am)

Thursday, August 7th

Pastor's Sabbatical Begins

Saturday, August 9th

Grace Farmers Market (1pm-4pm)

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