

Grace Lutheran Church

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*"It is the
Spirit
that gives
Life:
the flesh is useless.
The words that
I have spoken
to you are
Spirit
and
Life."*

John 6:63, NRSV

The Season of Pentecost

August 12-September 2, 2012

9:00 a.m.

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Prelude

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation
"Canzona" by Domenico Zipoli, edit. by Charles Callahan

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" #853

Greeting

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

C: And also with you!

Kyrie

The congregation sings the refrain only

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

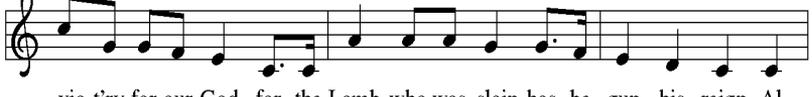


peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



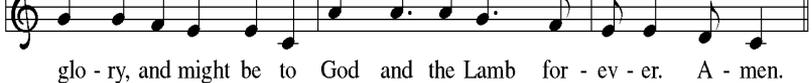
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1–6

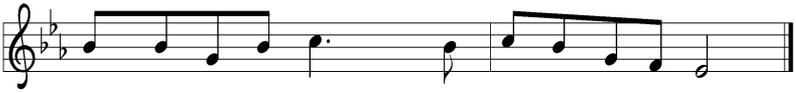
Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 34:9–14

R:  Those who seek the LORD lack noth - ing that is good.

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD, for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good. R**

¹¹Come, children, and lis-¹ten to me; I will teach you reverence¹ for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea-¹sure in life and desires long life to en-¹joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your¹ tongue from evil and your lips from¹ lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil¹ and do good; seek peace¹ and pursue it. R**

Special Music

Denny Rehder, Guitar

Children's Sermon

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15–20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

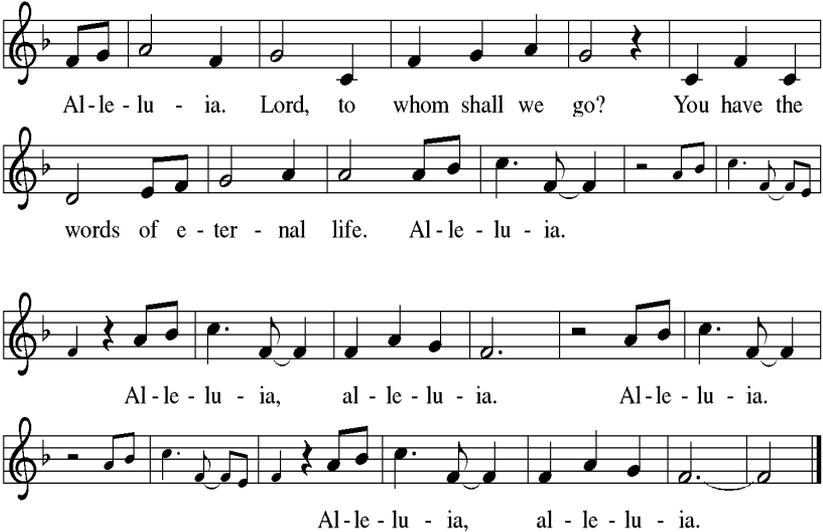
¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Sixth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:51–58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father

sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

"Come, Let Us Eat"

#491

Creed

**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 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.**

**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 the People

L: Let us pray

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory: "Adagio" by Arcangelo Corelli, arr. by John Troutman

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you

and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

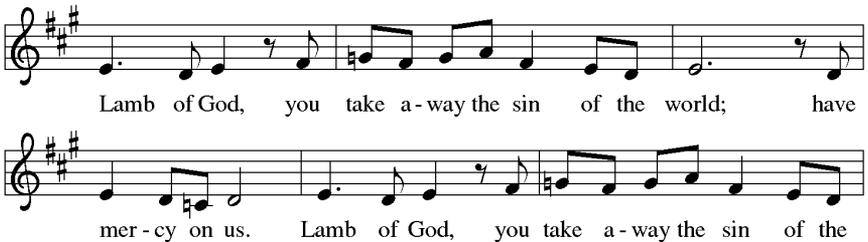
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Please be seated

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns:

#824, #528, #325

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Generous God, we thank you that at Wisdom's holy table you have fed us again with her bread and wine, the food of everlasting life. Send us, your servants, into all the land, that we may act wisely, seek the good of our neighbor, and call others to come to the feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

#881

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "My Heart Ever Faithful" by J.S. Bach, arr. by Lani Smith

Announcements and Calendar

Sunday August 19, 2012

In our prayers: Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, LeRoi Beers, Norma Black, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Willa Mae Johansen, Lucy Krauss, Marvin Malmin, Margaret Olson, Helen Richards, Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, Robert Ziesman, and the others we name before you...



Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Eleanor and Ken Carlson in honor of family and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

A Stephen Minister actively listens to a care receiver's concerns, identifying feelings and needs with skillful compassion, faithfulness and trustworthiness. If you have a personal or health related problem area in your life and need someone to listen, a trained Stephen Minister is available in the Upper Room between services.



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!
Ruth Berven, Alyssa Weaver, Janette Grodt, Patricia Anderson, Brent Ridnour, Cooper Mortenson, Tom McCleary, Marvin Johns, Janice Nordeen, Mark Mattes, Grace Schroeder, Janet Trentmann, John Gronert, Barry Moon, Chris Hidalgo, Scott Honsey



Happy Anniversary to: Kenneth and Eleanor Carlson, Robert and Sheryl Sauermaun, Ernest and Cheryl Weatherington, Scott and Julie Honsey, Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim

You are Invited!

Marvin and Lorna Johns will celebrate significant birthdays at an event today, Sunday, August 19 at Grace Lutheran Church. A Service of Thanksgiving will begin at 2 p.m. in the church with a reception from 2:30-4 p.m. in the church hall. All in the Grace community are welcome. No invitations are being sent and the couple request no gifts.

A new way to receive Grace news!

We're creating an email newsletter for Grace members, visitors, and friends, and we want to include you. When you sign the friendship pad in the pew today, please add your email address if you'd like to receive email news about Grace. Or send a quick email message to

graceluth5@msn.com. *We promise not to share your email address with anyone outside the church, and you'll be able to manage your own subscription and unsubscribe at any time.*



First Circle Friends training this week: The first training date for this new ministry is this Thursday, August 23, from 9:00am-1:00pm for all volunteers, and continuing through 5:00pm for lead volunteers. Please



RSVP to Stephanie Johnson by the end of the day on Monday, August 20, if you are planning to attend. If you are interested but cannot attend this week, the next training will be offered on September 20. For questions, see John Roehrick, Don Peterson, Julie Honsey, or Stephanie Johnson.

Parents of college students or military service

Is your child heading off to college or the military service? If so, we, as their church family, would like to stay connected with these young adult members.



The plan is to send some goodies along with notes of encouragement a few times through the school year. All we need is your child's college address. Please provide to Cherie Rissman. (205-8939 or cherierissman@gmail.com)

Celebration Sunday

Save the Date! Sunday September 9 will begin with one service at 9 a.m. Tailgating fun will follow the service - we are planning a number of service activities and games with choices for adults and children. Social Ministry will also be serving a meal and dessert. Watch for more detailed information in the bulletin and newsletter!

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, August 19

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Marv and Lorna Johns Birthdays, Honored by a Service of Thanksgiving in sanctuary, followed by a reception in Grace Hall from 2:30-4:00

MONDAY, August 20

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. – Tops
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, August 21

9:00 a.m. – Food rescue meeting – Café
6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle
6:00 p.m. – Tops

WEDNESDAY, August 22

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

THURSDAY, August 23

9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. – First Circle Friends training - GHI
9:00 a.m. – Quilters

FRIDAY, August 24

Hannah Circle Dinner and a Movie

SATURDAY, August 25

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion – **Final for season**

SUNDAY, August 26

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – Jay Wangerin, Norm Trentmann

Liturgist – Matt Jordahl

Lector – Ro Zimany

Children’s Sermon – Carol Woodruff

Communion servers – Jeff Farrell, Susanne Carney, Charlotte Nielsen,
Karen Taylor

Acolytes – Adam Dostalík, Haley Dostalík

Altar Guild – Gail Peterson, Carol Woodruff

Counters – Tom McCleary, Mark Stumme

Coffee Servers – LaRue Buihner

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