

Welcome to
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The 10th Sunday
after Pentecost**

August 1 & 2, 2026



PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: **Amen.**

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

All are invited to a time of silence and reflection.

A: Holy and gracious God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know — the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed — but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you.
Your life has been renewed through the cross of Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

ALL WHO HUNGER GATHER GLADLY**THE 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!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**GENESIS 29:15-28**

Laban deceives Jacob by giving his older daughter, Leah, to Jacob in marriage instead of the promised younger daughter, Rachel. Because of his love for Rachel, Jacob agrees to work for Laban for an additional seven years so that he may also be married to her.

¹⁵ Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” ¹⁹ Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel,

and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her.

²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)

²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” ²⁶ Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” ²⁸ Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 105:1-11

The Cantor will sing the verses as the congregation response in singing the refrain.

Make known the deeds of the LORD a - mong the

peo - ples. Hal - le - lu - jah.

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name:
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
- ² Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.
- ³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.
- ⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones. *Refrain*
- ⁷ The LORD is our God, whose judgments prevail in all the world,
- ⁸ who has always been mindful of the covenant, the promise made for a thousand generations:
- ⁹ the covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ which God established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- ¹¹ saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

^{45b} Hallelujah! *Refrain*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather for an activity by the chapel.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send

the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION

PR. LARRY MICHLES

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 523

LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET

THE CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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.**

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

*The Lost Chord by Arthur Sullivan
Kristen Lindsay, vocalist*

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

ELW # 186

CREATE IN ME

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C: **Amen.**

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

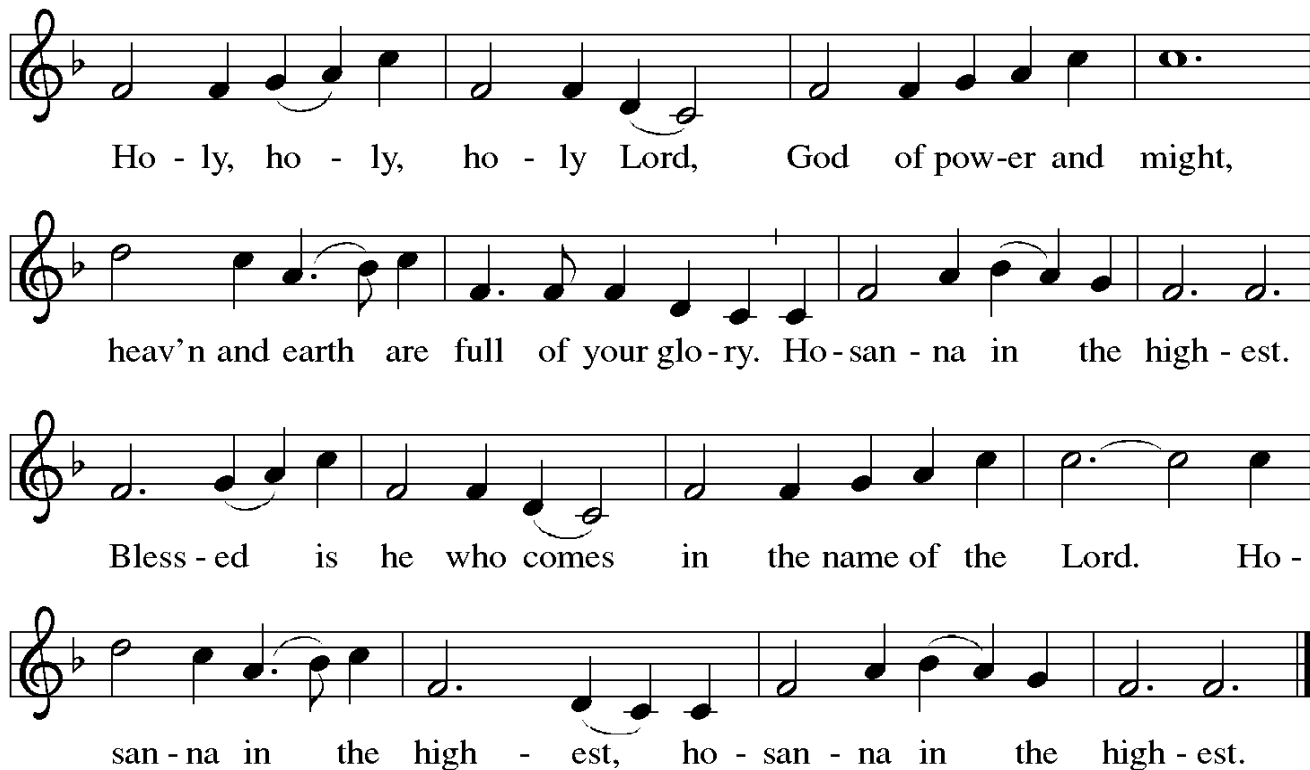
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, so that all who believe in him should not perish but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

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.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come and share the Feast!

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 479

WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

After all have communed, you are invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine you have united us with Christ to our stories of old. Together, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

*O JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS***THE SENDING**

P: Heaven has come near.

A: Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SERVING IN WORSHIP		
	Saturday – 4 pm	Sunday – 9 am
GREETERS: NARTHEX	Thomas O'Brien	Larry & Becky McElfresh
GREETERS: BAKER ST.		Dan & Carol Polter
WORSHIP ASSISTANT		Mary Nossaman
CANTOR		Kristen Lindsay
READERS	Tanya Schardt	Mary Nossaman
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Wendy Bailey	Jody Jess
DEACONS/CLOSER		Greg Jess Cecila Boucher

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot, please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samual David Stover, by his mother Karly Stover and grandmother, Jamie Hafford.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given as a gift to the congregation. (Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.)

THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY please remember: Diane Berryman, Sue Brickner, Linda Moore, Tim Rutherford, Jessica Salzbrinner, Julie Stawowy, Jan Serwin, Connie Wasserman, and Bob Wickert.

HOSPITAL VISITS! If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and closed Friday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THIS WEEKEND THE NOISY OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED AT BOTH SERVICES. The offering received during the third quarter will be used to support the Let's Build Beds project in September.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY² with Pr. Bailey will return on August 10 at 11:30 am. This study will meet in the dining room. Everything you need to make your sandwich will be provided.

MUSIC AT GRACE

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED JOINING A HANDBELL CHOIR? The Grace Ringers is a volunteer community bell choir that is dedicated to rehearsing and performing handbell music to commemorate special seasons during the church year. Whether you are a seasoned musician or are new to making music, all are welcome to join the ensemble! Being able to read music is not required. We plan to meet weekly for rehearsals. The bell choir will perform at select Sunday services. If you are interested contact Charlie at pianomancharlie03@gmail.com or scan the QR code.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER - If you have a musical gift you would like to share with the congregation during the summer months, there are plenty of opportunities to do so! Whether you sing, play an instrument or even write music, we invite you to share your gifts as a musical offering. There are also opportunities for volunteer cantors. Please contact our music director, Charles Ligus, (pianomancharlie03@gmail.com) if interested.

FOR OUR YOUTH

ELCA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING will take place following worship on August 16 in the lounge. The Youth Gathering is open to youth in grades 8 – 12 (in the fall of 2026) and the Young Adult Gathering is open to people ages 18 – 35. *Scholarships are available through LIFT to help defray the cost of attending this event.*

LIFT

THE NEXT LIFT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD on August 9 at 12:30 pm in the lounge at St. John's. There is an opening on the board for a member of Grace. If you are interested, please contact Pr. Bailey.

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO BUILD BEDS! On September 13 we will gather for a joint LIFT worship at Grace before we get to work building beds in the parking lot. If you would like to volunteer to help, sign-up sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with this event, please make checks payable to LIFT and write *Let's Build Beds* in the memo line. *Please note that is a rain or shine event. In case of inclement weather, the build will take place at Fremont Floor Covering, 218 N. Front Street, Fremont.*



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

AUGUST 2 - 9, 2026

Today NOISY OFFERING/BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
9:00 – Worship

Monday

Tuesday

5:00 – LIFT Community BBQ at Birchard Park

Wednesday

6:00 – Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday

11:30 – Soup Kitchen

Friday

Saturday

4:00 – Worship

Sunday

9:00 – Worship

10:15 – Listening with a 2nd Ear with Pr. Bailey

12:30 – LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 111

Called to Present the Light of Christ!