

Welcome to
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The 11th Sunday
after Pentecost**

August 8 & 9, 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.**

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG**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. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**GENESIS 32:22-31**

Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face-to-face.

²² [At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have

striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

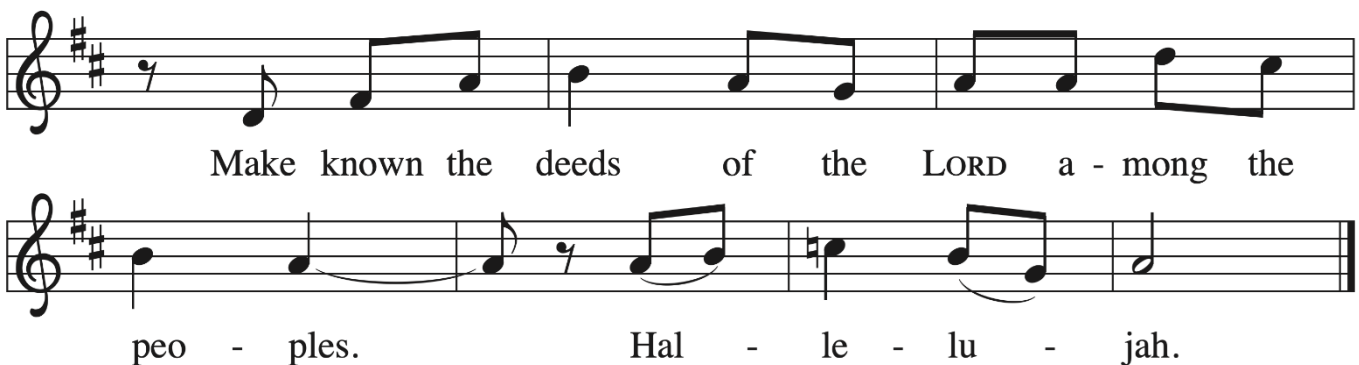
R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 17:1-7, 15

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



1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer,
which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your
lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. *Refrain*

5 My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise against them.

15 But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake,
I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. *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 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

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

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION

PR. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O GOD OF JACOB



1 O God of Ja - cob, by whose hand your peo - ple still are fed,
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore your throne of grace.
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan-d'ring foot-steps guide;
4 Oh, grant us your pro - tect - ing care till all our wan-d'rings cease,



who through this wea - ry pil - grim - age a wa - v'ring Is - rael led:
O God of Ja - cob, be the God of their suc - ceed - ing race.
give us this day our dai - ly bread, and shel - ter fit pro - vide.
that to those man - sions kept for us we all may come in peace.

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 Call by Ralph Vaughn Williams
Mike Schalk, 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.**

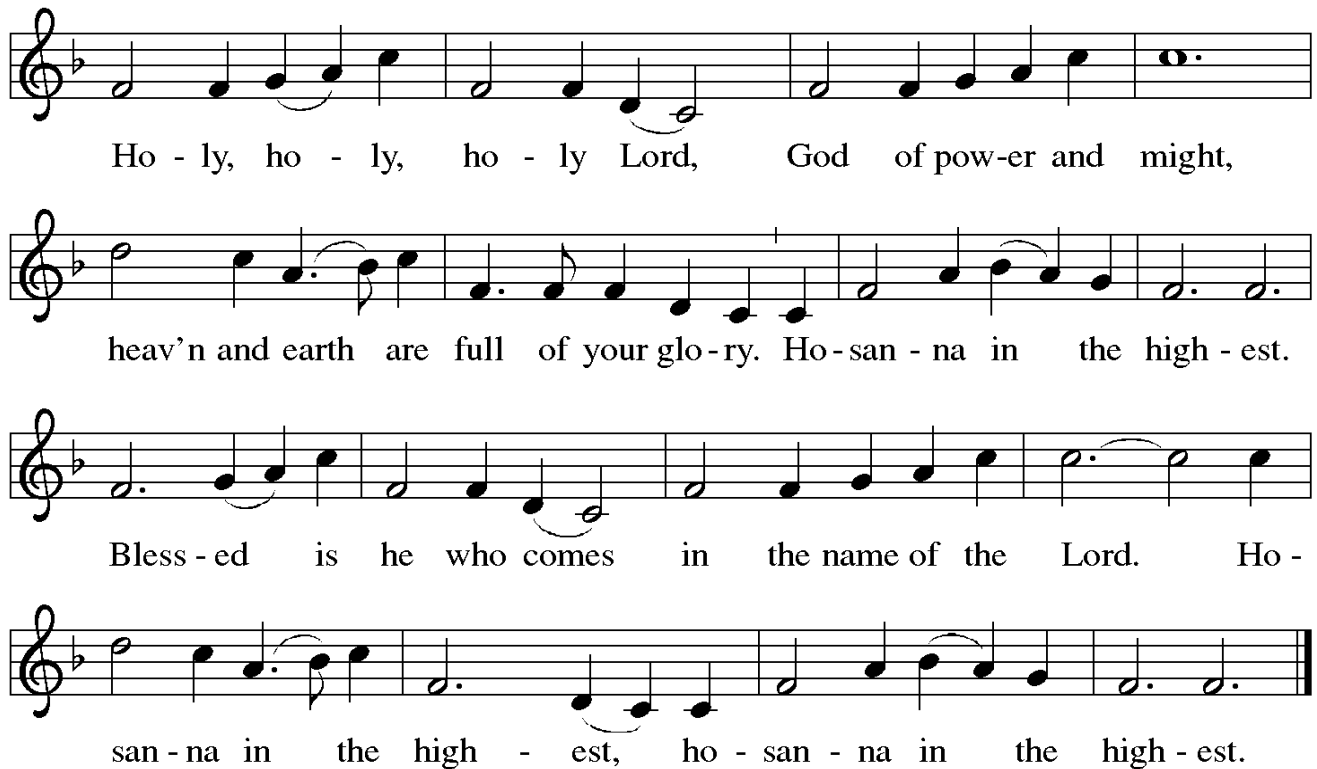
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 # 785

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

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.

SENDING SONG

ELW # 756

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

THE SENDING

P: Heaven has come near.

A: Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

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 Dr. Robert Borden and grand-daughters, Sarah and Caroline Borden, by Dotti Borden.

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, Jackie Mowry, Rilee Overmyer, Tim Rutherford, Jessica Salzbrinner, Bill Schling, 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.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT – If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of others experiencing the same loss our support group will meet on August 17 at 6 pm.

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.*

ATTENTION PARENTS - Do you want to keep your children busy during worship, but you don't want to take your child out of the sanctuary? Please check out our new play area in front of the chapel. There are activities, toys to play with, and books to read while you join us for worship. If you feel that you need to take your children out of the sanctuary there is a nursery with live audio of worship, so you don't miss out on anything.

LIFT

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. *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.*

A LETTER FROM THE GLCW PRESIDENT

Over the years you may have heard the LWR and GLCW, but do you know what these stand for? LWR stands for Lutheran World Relief and GLCW represents the Grace Lutheran Church Women.

The GLCW is asking for your help assembling two kits for LWR. This year, we are putting together School Kits and Sewing Kits for distribution.

We need the following items to complete our School Kits:

- 50 – Spiral notebooks with 70 – 80 sheets of lined paper
- 5 – Pencil sharpeners
- 13 – Rulers with centimeter markings on one side
- 35 – Black or Blue ball point pens (NO GEL INK PENS)

For the Sewing Kits we need:

- 20 – Spools of neutral colored general-purpose thread

We are always in need of gently used or new flat bed sheets which we use as the back of our quilts.

Thank you for your continued support of the LWR projects.

Jan Harris,
GLCW President

SERVING IN WORSHIP		
	Saturday – 4 pm	Sunday – 9 am
GREETERS: NARTHEX	Thomas O'Brien	Pam Pelphrey Tanya Schling
GREETERS: BAKER ST.		Dick Zilles
WORSHIP ASSISTANT		Becky Seibert
CANTOR		Mike Schalk
READERS		Janet Dorr
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Wendy Bailey	Bev Bradford
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

AUGUST 9 - 16, 2026

Today

9:00 – Worship
10:15 – Listening with a 2nd Ear with Pr. Bailey

Monday

11:30 – PB & J² with Pr. Bailey, Dining Room
5:30 – Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 – Church Council Meeting

Tuesday

11:30 – 1:00 – Office Close- Staff Lunch
5:00 – Final LIFT Community BBQ at Birchard Park

Wednesday FALL GRACE & TRUTH DEADLINE - NOON

Thursday

11:30 – Soup Kitchen

Friday

Saturday

4:00 – Worship/Food Pantry Challenge

Sunday FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

(pasta & sauce, rice, and mac & cheese)
9:00 – Worship
10:15 – ELCA Youth Gathering Informational Meeting – Lounge
12:30 – LIFT Board Meeting at St. John's

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 122

Called to Present the Light of Christ!