

September 1, 2024

*The Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*



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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. (The purple cup is grape juice.) It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"Triumphal March" arr. L. Everson, J.P. Rameau
"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" setting: D. Rotermund

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

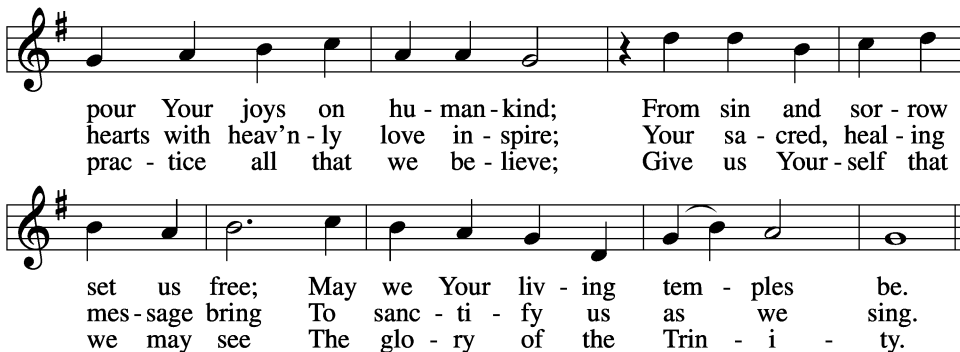
LSB 500 sts. 1-3



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
 set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt., Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.
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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** **We confess, O Lord, 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.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** **Our own attempts at change will leave the stain of our previous sins.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** **Lord our God, You are our only hope. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow Your guidance alone.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** **We come to You, confident of Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** In the stead and by the command of our 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.

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C and uphold me with a willing spirit.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

LSB 500 st. 4

△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy on us, and help us know Your gracious forgiveness.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy on us, and open the hearts of those oppressed by sin.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy on us and on all who call out to You in faith.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy on us, and grant that Your peace permeate the lives of all who hear the Gospel in this place.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good,

C **nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

READINGS EXPLAINED

The divine service in the Lutheran tradition consists of at least three scripture readings. The appointed Gospel, with a Psalm and an Old Testament lesson, is chosen to complement the Gospel. The epistles are read weekly bit by bit, generally in order. The Coptic church reads eight lessons a week. Low-liturgical churches might only use one reading.

In the earliest liturgies, the Old Testament reading was prominent, but as the New Testament was written and circulated, the Old Testament lesson took a more supportive role.

In worship, the pastor fills his prophetic role as foreteller as he brings the word of God to the congregation. He faces the congregation, speaking for God as his duly appointed minister. The reading of scripture in public is not original to the Christian church but naturally flows out of synagogue worship. Christians, unlike other world religions, only use readings from Sacred Scripture.

While private reading of the Bible is to be encouraged, God gave the Bible primarily for the in-person reading of corporate gatherings and worship.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

The Word is Read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:129–136; antiphon: v. 132



Your testimonies are | wonderful;*
therefore my soul | keeps them.
The unfolding of your | words gives light;*
it imparts understanding to the | simple.
I open my | mouth and pant,*
because I long for your com- | mandments.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
as is your way with those who | love your name.
Keep steady my steps according to your | promise,*
and let no iniquity get dominion | over me.
Redeem me from man's op- | pression,*
that I may keep your | precepts.
Make your face shine upon your | servant,*
and teach me your | statutes.
My eyes shed | streams of tears,*
because people do not | keep your law.

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

The Word is Read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Jeremiah 15:16a

- P** Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart,
- C** **for they shall see God. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is Read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt., Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697–1775 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us go to our gracious God in prayer for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

A For the leaders of the nations, who are tempted to use their own faulty wisdom and understanding, that God would move them to call upon Him, who alone “has statutes and just decrees so righteous” as the Law He gave, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the families of the earth, wherever parents have forgotten to make God’s commandments known to their children and their children’s children, that God would open their hearts to His direction and guidance, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For the leaders of the church around the world as it struggles to “stand against the schemes of the devil,” that God would strengthen them with “the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For those people near and dear to us dealing with illness; mourning the loss of loved ones; needing adequate food, clothing, and shelter; and having other concerns, [especially . . .], that God would answer our prayers for them as we make “supplication for all the saints,” let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy.

A For ourselves and all who recognize that by ourselves in our fallen condition, “what comes out of a person is what defiles him,” that God would strengthen our faith to rely on His grace and mercy alone that He may use us and the gifts He has given us, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"By Grace I'm Saved"

H. Metzger

Stand

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

LSB 956



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

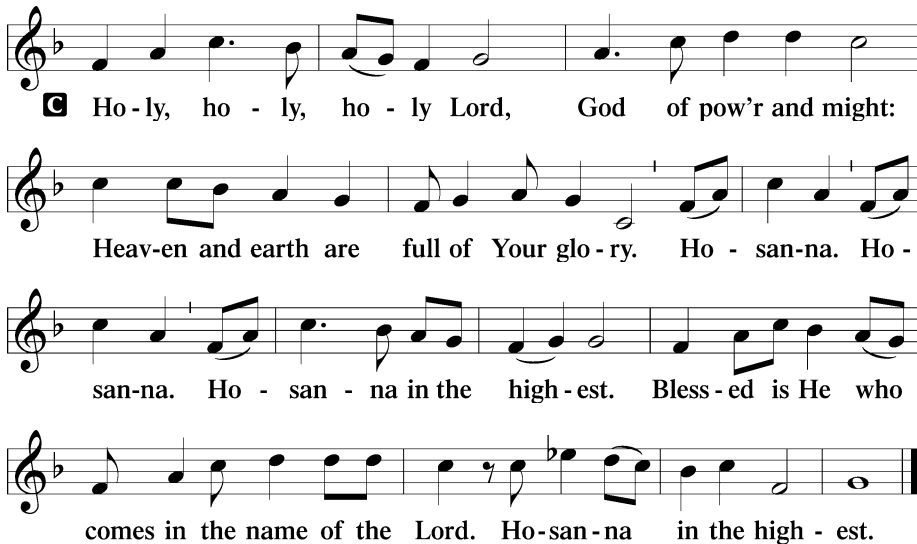
LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have given us Your only-begotten Son. With joy we received the salvation accomplished for us by His cross-borne sacrifice on our behalf. By His death He paid for all our sins, and by His rising has assured us of a place with You for eternity. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood according to His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

♩ 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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
 And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
 Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow
 Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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VOLUNTARY

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" setting: I Beethe

*Stand***HYMN**

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164



C 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 THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. For all the gifts that flow from this Sacrament, we give You thanks, gracious God. Grant us humble faith so that our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the mercy You have shown us this day. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and
 by de-ceipt or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
 Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
 u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal
 Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt., Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. G. Parker

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