## September 8, 2024

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Divine Service**:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am Sundays

Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30 am

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#### THE SIXTEENTH 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** 

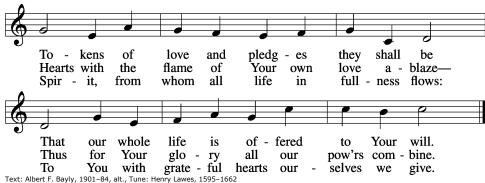
"Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" arr. D. Paxton "Trumpet Tune"

## WELCOME





M. Johnson



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#### INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 146:7b-8: James 2:17-18

- **P** The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- P The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- **C** the LORD loves the righteous.
- **P** So also faith by itself,
- if it does not have works, is dead.
- P But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works."
- Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- C Amen.

## **☆ SERVICE OF THE WORD** →

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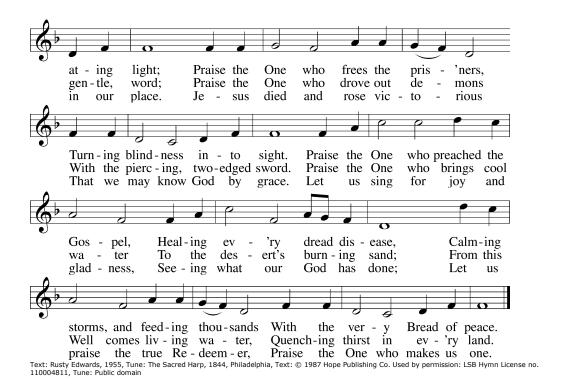
- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace coming to us from beyond creation and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of all people around the planet, for the well-being of the Church of God in time and space, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise to our majestic God let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen.

#### **HYMN**

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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#### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants
- and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Sit

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

The Word is Read...

## A This is the Word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2



Praise | the LORD!\*

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in | princes,\*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\*

on that very day his plans | perish.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,\*

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,\*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,\*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.\*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\*

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>0</sup>The LORD will reign for- | ever,\*
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

### THE EPISTLE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-18

The Word is Read...

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## Stand

VERSE Jeremiah 15:16a

- P Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- **G** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37

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

The Word is Read...

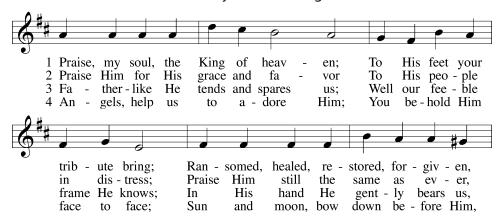
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

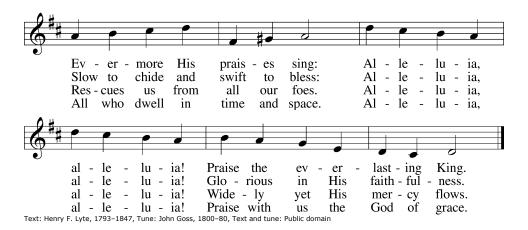
## Sit

#### **HYMN**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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#### **SERMON**

#### Stand

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God. the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the gift of the Holy Spirit, who opens deaf ears with His Word, that our tongues would be released to proclaim with zeal how God's Son has done all things well, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For missionaries, that the Lord would strengthen and support them as they travel to foreign lands on behalf of the Church's mission, so that all who hear may receive the Good News of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For parents, that they would raise up their children to know Christ as their help and hope, and not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all rulers, that God in whom alone we place all our hope would bless them, order their plans for the welfare of the governed, and execute His justice for the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P For the sick and those in any need, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For all who commune, that God would give us a humble and urgent faith that would beg even for crumbs from Christ's table, so we may receive the fullness of our Lord's Supper worthily as His children, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For a lively faith in Christ Jesus, that we would be fruitful and active in all good works, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Heavenly Father, Source of all life and the life that never ends, receive our prayers this day in the name of Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

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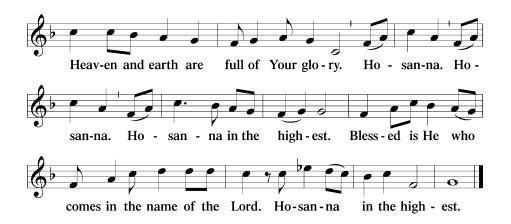
## **♣** SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **♣**

PREFACE LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** 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.
- **1** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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





## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** 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

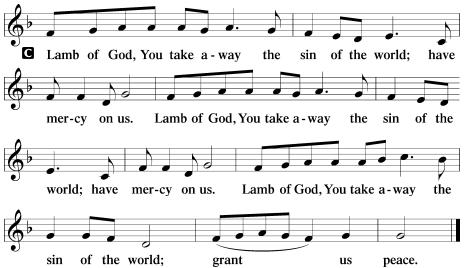
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

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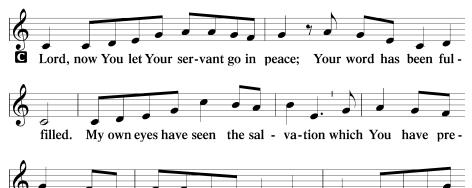


- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
  Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
  Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
  Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
  The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
  The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
  Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
  Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
  Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
  The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.
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**VOLUNTARY** "Here, O My Lord, I See thee Face to Face" setting: A. Fedak, S. Eatherton

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## POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

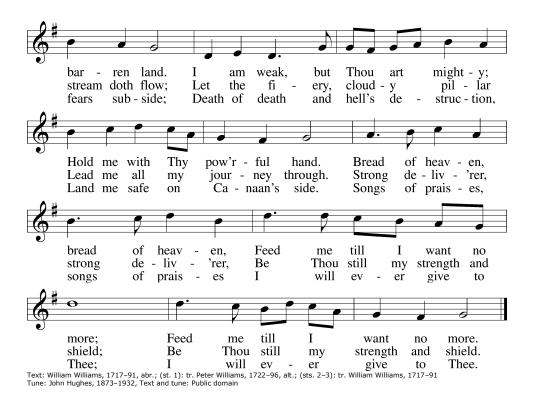
- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

- P The mercy, strength, and peace of God Almighty—the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit—go with you, now and forever.
- C Amen.





Sit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** 

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

arr. C. Berry

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