

Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship



Sunday, July 19, 2026 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Ave Maris Stella

Marcel Dupré

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the $\dagger$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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.

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.

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 $\dagger$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving

Hymn #689

GREETING

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

Kyrie

JAMES MACMILLAN

Andante $\text{♩} = 80$

Organ

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.

10 mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.



Gloria

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in D major (one sharp). It is divided into two parts: 'PRIEST / CANTOR' and 'ALL'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with measure numbers 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17 indicated on the left. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, key signature, and note values.

PRIEST / CANTOR **ALL**

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

3 We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

7 we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

9 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

11 you take a - way the sins_ of the world, have_ mer - cy on us;

12 you take a - way the sins_ of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seated at the

(13) right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For_ you a - lone are the _

(14) Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,

17 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *Please be seated.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Refrain in honor of Venerable Thomas Cort (†1538)



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R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name.
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



Al-le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia, al- le- lú- ia.

"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom." Isaiah 55:11

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Charbel Zgheib

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymn #693

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC LASTING TREASURE

JACK MIFFLETON

OFFERTORY VERSE *Please stand.*

YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. **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.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody is simple, with notes for 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody for 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has a lower melody for 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff continues for 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many ties and slurs.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...We praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Sanctus

Moderato ♩ = 92-96

Organ *mp* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

10 hosts, God of hosts. *mf* Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na

18 in the high - est. *mf* Blessed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

27 Lord. *ff* Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This musical score is for a hymn in D major, 3/4 time. It is marked 'Moderato' with a tempo of 92-96 beats per minute. The score is for organ and voice. The organ part is written in the right hand of a grand staff. The voice part is written in the left hand. The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *ff* (fortissimo). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he, 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 score is numbered 10, 18, and 27.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

OUR FATHER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Slowly **Agnus Dei**

8 Organ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on

15 **mf** **mp** us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION As the Grains of Wheat Hymn#465

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
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.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION *Please stand.*

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Sing to the Lord of Harvest Hymn #694

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE: How Fair and Pleasant art Thou Marcel Dupré

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PARISH NOTES – July 19, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~The Family of Richard Boyle, Katie Jamison, John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerase, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Allison Lauer, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado, Lenore Kerl, Peter Syrdahl and Ukraine and Palestine families.

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

Today, please note that we are using "Mass setting: St. Anne's Mass by James Macmillan".

"The Word In Season" devotionals for July, August and September 2026 are now available on the foyer table.

Please note: All checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

Richard Boyle, husband of Patricia Boyle, has passed away. A viewing will be held on Monday at Clavin Funeral Home, Mass on Tuesday at Our Lady of Angels



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

Altar Paraments

A new set of white altar paraments has been ordered. In the life of the church, white paraments signify purity, holiness, joy and the glory of Christ resurrected and triumphant. White paraments are used primarily during high festival seasons like Christmas and Easter, and on special Feast Days. They also are used for baptisms, weddings and funerals to represent celebration or the hope of eternal life. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or as an expression of gratitude, to help cover the cost of these beautiful new additions to the church.

Social Ministry:

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Collection

Grace Lutheran Church is once again collecting **School Kits** for **Lutheran World Relief**. These simple supplies provide children around the world with the tools they need to attend school, learn, and build a brighter future.

Please include the following in each School Kit:

- **4** wide- or college-ruled 70-sheet **spiral** notebooks (approximately 8" × 10½")
Please do not include loose-leaf paper.
- **1** ruler (30 centimeters, or one with centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- **1** pencil sharpener
- **1** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades are ideal)
- **5 unsharpened #2** pencils with erasers (secure together with a rubber band)
- **5** black or blue ballpoint pens (**no gel pens**; secure together with a rubber band)
- **1** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **1** eraser (approximately 2½")
- **1** sturdy drawstring cloth backpack (approximately 14" × 17" with shoulder straps; **please do not use standard backpacks**)

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of a School Kit through Lutheran World Relief helps equip children with essential school supplies and shares Christ's love in a tangible way.

Blessed Birthday Wishes for JULY to:

July 14- Tammy Johnson

July 20- Doris Stearn

July 20- Karen O'Brien

July 27- Grace Hall

Sunday School – *Please note: Will resume in September 2026.*

Virtual Bible Study – *Please note: Will resume in September 2026.*

Confirmation Class – *Please note: Will resume in September 2026.*

Weekly Events at Grace Lutheran – 7/19/2026-7/25/2026

Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – <i>In-person</i>
	1:30 pm –	Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i>

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