

Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:30 A.M.



Gathering

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

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms

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 All My Hope on God is Founded Hymn #757

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 *mp* *mf*

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

10 *mp*

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 (two sharps). It is divided into two parts: 'PRIEST / CANTOR' and 'ALL'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. Measure numbers 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17 are indicated on the left margin.

PRIEST / CANTOR **ALL**

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

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

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

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

you take a - way the sins_ of the world, have _ mer - cy on us;

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

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For _ you a - lone are the _

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

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.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *Please be seated.*

Word

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

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Refrain in honor of Venerable Thomas Belchiam (†1538)



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R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part
is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.
Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command
more than gold, however fine.
For in all your precepts I go forward;
every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Many will come from east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 8:11)

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #793

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. 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.

**Please consider an offering to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by clicking at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home> or scan the QR code below.*



OFFERTORY MUSIC Wie lieblich sind deine wohnungen

Johannes Brahms

(English translation)

How lovely are your dwelling places,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul yearns and pines

for the courts of the Lord,

my heart and body cry out

to the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in your house:

they shall praise you continually.

OFFERTORY VERSE *Please stand.*

YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics in Swedish and English. The lyrics are:
Line 1: 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
Line 2: 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.
Line 3: Vål - 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
Line 4: vål - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord. / to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
Line 5: Du är he - lig, du är hel - het, / You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
Line 6: du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig! / you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Line 7: Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na, / Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Line 8: ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud. / Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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.

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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 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 titled 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

PREFACE

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

Sanctus

Moderato ♩ = 92-96

Organ

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

18 hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

27 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.

This musical score is for a hymn titled 'Sanctus'. It is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 92-96. The score includes an organ part and a vocal part. 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.'

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 Jesus, Priceless Treasure Hymn#775

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 God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn #705
DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: O wie selig seid ihr doch Johannes Brahms

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PARISH NOTES – July 26, 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 Cerame, 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.



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>
Saturdays	1:30 pm –	Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i>

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