

# Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship



Sunday, July 5, 2026      10:30 A.M.

## Gathering

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

**PRELUDE**      Variations on America- Introduction and Theme  
Charles Ives

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † 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** This Is My Song Hymn #887

**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** ♩ = 80

Organ

10

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



# Word

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

## First Reading

## Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

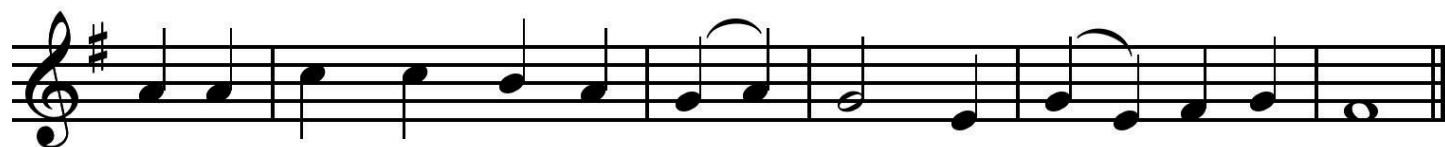
<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145:8-14



I will praise your name for e - ver, my king\_ and my God.

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**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

**SECOND READING**

**ROMANS 7:15-25A**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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.

*"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom." (Cf. Mt 11: 25)*

**HOLY GOSPEL**  
**25-30**

**MATTHEW 11:16-19,**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Eleventh chapter.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious Father, strengthen your Church throughout the world. Unite all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and keep us faithful to your holy Word. Give courage to pastors, church leaders, and all the baptized to proclaim the Gospel with humility, truth, and love. Bless your Church with faithfulness in worship and joyful witness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all creation, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of the world you have made. Teach us to be wise stewards of the earth and grateful for your many blessings. Bless farmers, workers, and all who depend on the gifts of the land and sea, and provide for the needs of every living creature. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as our nation marks the anniversary of its independence, we thank you for the freedoms we enjoy. Guide our president, governor, judges, legislators, members of the military, first responders, and all who serve in positions of authority. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a desire to seek justice, preserve peace, and promote the common good according to your will. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, be near to all who are suffering. Comfort the sick, the lonely, the poor, the unemployed, those who mourn, those displaced by war or disaster, and all who seek safety and peace. Strengthen those who care for others, and remind us to love our neighbors with compassion and generosity. We especially pray for those we now name before you in our hearts. A brief silence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this

country: people in the armed services, peace officers, and advocates. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**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 From Deep Distress and Troubled Thoughts

BOURBON, Arrangement by Alice Parker

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



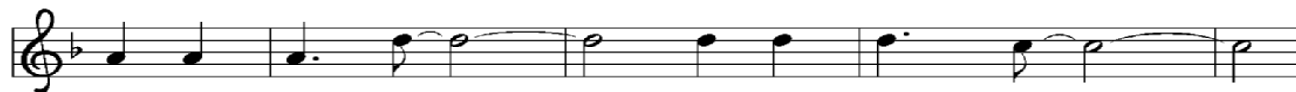
väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



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!

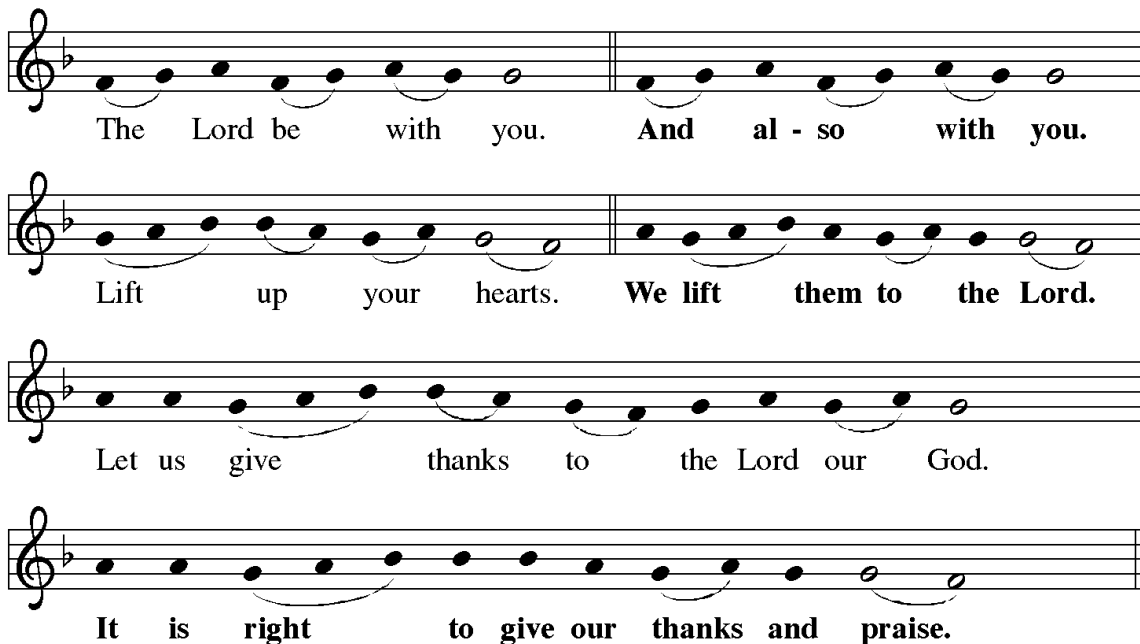
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

## 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.

## 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      *mp*      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.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the organ, starting at measure 8. The second staff is for the vocal part, starting at measure 8. The third staff is for the organ, starting at measure 15. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**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**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Hymn #888

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE:** The Star Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key, Arrangement by Brian Richey  
(congregation is invited to sing)

## LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presiding and Preaching	Rev. Khader Khalilia
Assisting Minister	Deacon Eric Johnson
Crucifer	Karin Morales
Greeter	Barbara Richter
Lector	Blake Novak
Intercessor	Michael Gu
Usher	Kim Richter
Director of Music	Kirsten d'Aquino
Choir	Margaret McGovern
	Branch Worsham
	Celina Randazzo
	Collin Ellsbury

## PARISH NOTES – July 5, 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!



~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.

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*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.  
Visit our website at [gracebk.org](http://gracebk.org)!



**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.

**Blessed Birthday Wishes for JULY to:**

July 14- Tammy Johnson

July 20- Doris Stearn

July 27- Grace Hall

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

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

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

**Weekly Events at Grace Lutheran – 7/5/2026-7/11/2026**

<b>Sundays</b>	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service
<b>Wednesdays</b>	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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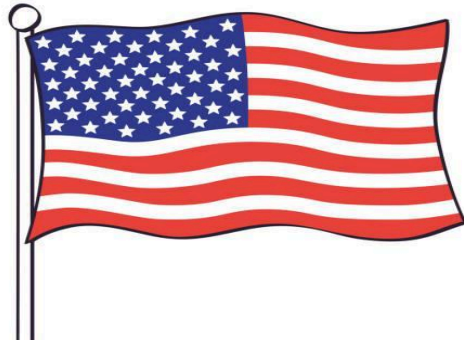
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