

Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday, August 30, 2026 10:30 A.M.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE An Old Irish Air Joseph W. Clokey

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 word and sacrament in 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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

mp Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. *mf* Christ, have

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

Gloria

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.

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked

and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

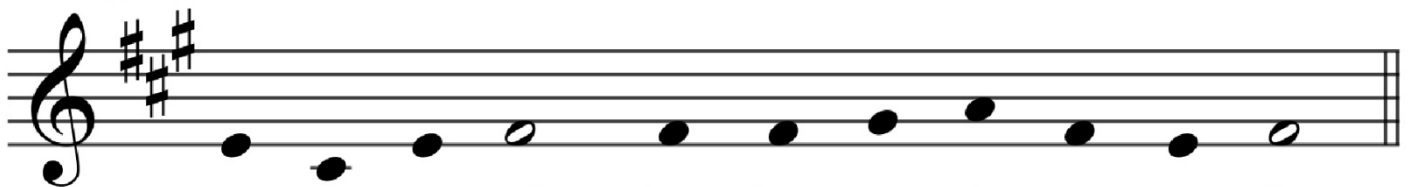
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9



My soul is thirst-ing for you, O Lord my God.

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R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,

for your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Alleluia

Tone VI



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"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call." (Cf. Eph 1: 17-18)

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Khader Khalilia

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Hymn #808

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God's creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of
Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow
you in faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 The Summons ~arr. by Sondra K. Tucker

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 to our God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 3/4 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

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

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

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

ff 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

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, 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.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the 'Agnus Dei' hymn. It is written in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The score is divided into three systems. The first system starts at measure 8 and includes an organ part and a vocal line. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics. The third system starts at measure 15 and includes a vocal line with lyrics. Dynamics include 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The tempo is marked 'Slowly'.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen Hymn#548

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. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION *Please stand.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #660

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Londonderry Air

Irish Folk Tune

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Lector

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PARISH NOTES – August 30, 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!



~ Nancy Camarata, Anthony Serrano, The Family of Richard Boyle, 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, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado, Lenore Kerl, Peter Syrdahl, Anthony Serrano

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

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

"The Word In Season" devotionals for October, November and December 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.

Social Ministry:

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Collection -Last Day Sept 6th

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 August to:

Aug. 1- Pat Monsen

Aug. 2- Maria Carlson

Aug. 9- Katie Jamison

Aug. 15- Brenda Grandell

Aug. 20- Dorothy Fyfe

Aug. 25- Linda Pergola

Karen Morales

Aug. 26- Nicole Khouzami

Upcoming Festival Celebrations

Please join us for the celebration during the **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist:**

Sunday, September 13

The Feast of the Holy Cross

All are welcome as we gather around God's Word and the Holy Sacrament to give thanks for Christ's saving work and to be strengthened in faith.

Faith Formation

First Holy Communion Classes

First Holy Communion classes will begin on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:40 AM** in the meeting room. Children and their families will learn about the gift of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, where Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

Classes will run for **4–6 weeks**, and participants will receive their **First Holy Communion during worship on Sunday, November 8.**

To enroll your child, please speak with **Pastor Khader**

Sunday School – Please note that Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:40 a.m.**

Virtual Bible Study – Please note that our Virtual Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

Confirmation Class – Please note that Confirmation Class will resume on **Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Pastor's Office.

Weekly Events at Grace Lutheran

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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