

Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2026 10:30 A.M.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 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.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18



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R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

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. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND.

Alleluia

Tone IV



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"Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son." (Cf. Acts 16: 14b)

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

HOMILY

Rev. Khader Khalilia

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY All Who Love and Serve Your City Hymn #724

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 the mercy of God and united in Christ, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious and merciful God, preserve your holy Church in faith and unity. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and make us faithful witnesses to your grace in word and deed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creator of heaven and earth, you have entrusted your creation to our care. Bless the earth and all its creatures, grant favorable weather and fruitful harvests, and teach us to receive the gifts of creation with gratitude and use them with wisdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of wisdom and peace, watch over our nation and all who serve the common good. Grant wisdom to those entrusted with authority, protect those who serve in the military, law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency services, and strengthen them in courage, integrity, and compassion. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of all consolation, draw near to the sick, the grieving, the lonely, and all who are burdened in body, mind, or spirit. Give healing according to your will, strength for today, and the sure hope that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of grace, bless this congregation and strengthen us in our life together. Gather us faithfully around your Word and holy Sacraments. Deepen our love for one another, strengthen us in our vocations, and send us forth to serve our neighbors in the name of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of the living, we give you thanks for all the saints who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us steadfast in the communion of your Church until, with all your saints, we are gathered around the marriage feast of the Lamb in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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 Call to Remembrance

R. Farrant

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

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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.', and '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 marked 'Moderato' with a tempo of 92-96 beats per minute. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 3/4. 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.' The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *ff* (fortissimo). The organ part is marked 'Organ'.

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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Will You Let Me Be Your Servant Hymn#659

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

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
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

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Hymn#669

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Greensleeves

R.V. Williams

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PARISH NOTES – September 20, 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, Peter Syrdahl

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.

Blessed Birthday Wishes for September to:

Sept. 13 - Evald Olsen
Sept. 14 - Ron Smith
Sept. 17 - Amelia Hazel
Sept. 26 - Ana Crespo
Sept. 29 - Kirsten D'Aquino

Save the Date:

Rally Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, September 27**, as we kick off a new season of ministry and church activities.

During worship, we will welcome our nursery school teachers, students, and their families, and install our new Nursery School Director, **Ms. Vanessa Vega**, asking God's blessing on her ministry among us.

A family style barbeque will follow the service. We hope you will stay for fellowship as we celebrate this special day together.

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 – TBD

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

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