

## Sunday, July 5, 2026 - 9:30 AM



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At Grace Lutheran, we believe in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality with an open table. **All persons**, whether visiting or a member, are welcome to meet Jesus at the table. Please ask your communion server if you prefer grape juice or a gluten free communion kit. The ushers will direct you to the front for communion or you may receive communion in your pew. Jesus invites all to come and be fed, forgiven, and free!

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## **Prelude and Bell Ringing**

### **Welcome and Offering of Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Welcome to Worship!

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

#### † **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

All: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

All: **Amen.**

#### † **Gathering Song**

#### *Joy of the Lord*

Verse 1      Though the tears may fall my song will rise  
                  My song will rise to You  
                  Though my heart may fail my song will rise  
                  My song will rise to You

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† *The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

While there's breath in my lungs  
I will praise You Lord

Verse 2      In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes  
I'll lift my eyes to You  
When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes  
I'll lift my eyes to You  
While there's hope in this heart  
I will praise You Lord

Chorus        The joy of the Lord is my strength  
The joy of the Lord is my strength  
In the darkness I'll dance  
In the shadows I'll sing  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Verse 3        When I cannot see You with my eyes  
Let faith arise to You  
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine  
Let faith arise to You  
God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

Verse 4        Oh You shine with glory Lord of light  
I feel alive with You  
In Your presence now I come alive  
I am alive with You  
There is strength when I say  
I will praise You Lord (Chorus x2)

Bridge        When sorrow comes my way  
You are the shield around me  
Always You remain  
My courage in the fight  
I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming  
Walking on the waves reaching for Your light  
Chorus x2

‡ **Greeting**

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

All:      **And also with you.**

## † Kyrie

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

## † Song of Praise

Bless-ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -

va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

## † Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Psalm 145:8-14** (Read Responsively)

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works. R**  
<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.  
<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**  
<sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion  
endures through- out all ages.**  
**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all  
your works.**  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down. **R**

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message (Sing)**

*Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

† **Gospel Acclamation**

What are you looking for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you  
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

P: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

† **Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

[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.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Allison Cobb**

† **Song of the Day**

*Come As You Are*

- Verse 1      Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
                   Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
                   Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
                   Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
                   Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
- Chorus        (So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
                   All who are broken lift up your face  
                   O wanderer come home  
                   You're not too far  
                   So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
                   Come as you are
- Verse 2        There's hope for the hopeless  
                   And all those who've strayed  
                   Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
                   There's rest for the weary  
                   Rest that endures  
                   Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure (Chorus)
- Bridge        Come as you are  
                   Fall in His arms  
                   Come as you are
- Verse 3        There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
                   Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
                   Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal (Chorus)
- Ending        Come as you are  
                   Come as you are  
                   Come as you are

## † Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 the Church

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## Loaves and Fishes Offering

*Youth are invited to walk forward and place their offering into the basket. Just like the little boy who gave his 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus, who multiplied them to feed thousands, the youth offering will go to The Grace Food Pantry. Adults are welcome to give a child an offering to bring up too.*

## Offering Song

## *King of my Heart*

Verse 1      Let the King of my heart  
                  Be the mountain where I run  
                  The fountain I drink from

Oh He is my song  
 Let the King of my heart  
 Be the shadow where I hide  
 The ransom for my life  
 Oh He is my song

Chorus      You are good good oh  
               You are good good oh  
               You are good good oh  
               You are good good oh

Verse 2     Let the King of my heart  
               Be the wind inside my sails  
               The anchor in the waves  
               Oh He is my song  
               Let the King of my heart  
               Be the fire inside my veins  
               The echo of my days  
               Oh He is my song (Chorus)

Bridge      You're never gonna let  
               Never gonna let me down  
               You're never gonna let  
               Never gonna let me down  
               You're never gonna let  
               Never gonna let me down  
               You're never gonna let  
               Never gonna let me down (Chorus)

### **Offering Prayer**

**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.**

### **† Holy Communion**

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.

‡ **Lords Prayer**

**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.**

**Communion Song**

*Run to the Father*

Verse 1      I've carried a burden for too long on my own  
                   I wasn't created to bear it alone  
                   I hear Your invitation to let it all go  
                   I see it now I'm laying it down  
                   And I know that I need You

Chorus        I run to the Father  
                   I fall into grace  
                   I'm done with the hiding  
                   No reason to wait  
                   My heart needs (found) a surgeon  
                   My soul needs (found) a friend  
                   So I'll run to the Father  
                   Again and again  
                   And again and again

Interlude 1    Oh oh oh

Verse 2        You saw my condition  
                   Had a plan from the start  
                   Your Son for redemption  
                   The price for my heart  
                   I don't have a context  
                   For that kind of love  
                   I don't understand  
                   I can't comprehend  
                   All I know is I need You (Chorus)

Interlude 2 Oh oh  
 Again and again  
 And again and again  
 Oh oh oh  
 (Again and again)

Bridge My heart has been in Your sights  
 Long before my first breath  
 Running into Your arms  
 Is running to life from death  
 I feel this rush deep in my chest  
 Your mercy is calling out  
 Just as I am You pull me in  
 And I know I need You now (Chorus x2)(Interlude 2)

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### † **Blessing**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**All: Amen.**

### † **Sending Song**                      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Verse 1 What a fellowship What a joy divine  
 Leaning on the everlasting arms  
 What a blessedness what a peace that's mine  
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus Oh I'm leaning, leaning  
 Safe and secure from all alarms  
 Leaning leaning  
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

Verse 2 Oh how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way  
 Leaning on the everlasting arms  
 Oh how bright the path grows from day to day  
 Leaning on the everlasting arms (Chorus)

Verse 3      What have I to dread  
                   What have I to fear  
                   Leaning on the everlasting arms  
                   I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
                   Leaning on the everlasting arms (Chorus)

Chorus 2     Jesus Jesus how I trust you  
                   How I proved you o'er and o'er  
                   Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
                   Oh for Grace to trust Him more

Verse 4      'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
                   Just to take Him at His word  
                   Just to rest upon his promise  
                   Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus 3     Jesus Jesus how I trust Him  
                   How I proved Him o'er and o'er  
                   Jesus Jesus precious Jesus  
                   Oh for grace to trust Him more  
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† **Sending**

P:      Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**All:    Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**