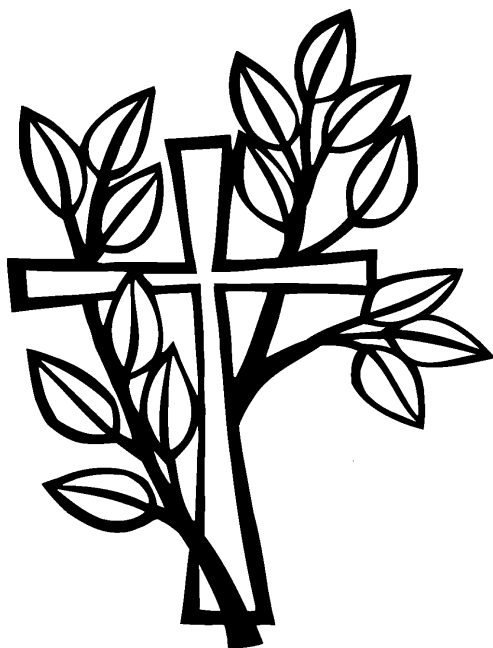


**Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 9:30 AM**



**Grace Lutheran Pastors, Staff, and Musicians**

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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      *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly***

It all comes down to this

What you require of me

Love my neighbor as myself

And You above all things

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God  
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

It all comes down to this  
To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world  
The truth will set us free

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God  
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

Years from now we'll see  
The fruit our hands have sown  
Faith just like a seed  
The only way it grows

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God  
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God

### ✠ **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**

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.

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

## **Second Reading: Psalm 26:1-8** (Read Responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- <sup>2</sup> **Test me, O LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.**
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- <sup>4</sup> **I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful. R**
- <sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup> **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- <sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- <sup>8</sup> **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

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

## **Children's Message** (Sing)

*Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you,  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia

## **Gospel Acclamation**

What are you looking for? Come,  
see, come and see. What are you



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

✠ **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> 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.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> 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?

<sup>27</sup> “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. <sup>28</sup> 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.”

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

**Sermon**

**Pastor Cole McCormick**

‡ **Song of the Day**

*Send Me*

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet,  
Here I am Lord send me.  
If it's loving one another even when we don't agree,  
Here I am Lord send me.

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy  
I'll serve You just the same,  
Here I am Lord send me.  
On the mountain or the valley  
I will choose to praise,  
Here I am Lord send me.

If I'm known by how I love, let my life reflect  
How much I love You. I love You.  
And before You even ask, oh my answer will be yes,  
'Cause I love You. I love You.

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway,  
'Cause here I am Lord send me.  
If it means that they'll reject me,  
Lord I will still obey.  
Here I am Lord, send me.

If I'm known by how I love, let my life reflect  
How much I love You. I love You.  
And before You even ask, oh my answer will be yes,  
'Cause I love You. I love You.

When I'm standing in Your glory  
I'll be glad I chose to say,  
Here I am Lord, send me.  
Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say,  
Here I am Lord, send me.

If I'm known by how I love, let my life reflect  
How much I love You. I love You.  
And before You even ask, oh my answer will be yes,  
'Cause I love You. I love You.  
Here I am Lord send me.  
Here I am Lord send me.

### † 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, 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

### *New Wine*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown, where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand



And I will call upon Your name  
 And keep my eyes above the waves  
 When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
 For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
 Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
 Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
 You've never failed and You won't start now

And I will call upon Your name  
 And keep my eyes above the waves  
 When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
 For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
 Let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me  
 Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
 And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Saviour

And I will call upon Your name  
 And keep my eyes above the waves  
 When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
 For I am Yours and You are mine

### **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**

**Rachel Kurtz**

**Our Father which art in heaven,  
hallowed be, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is, is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and help us  
remember 'til all people are fed  
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us  
whether friend or foe  
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom and thine is the power and thine is the  
glory  
forever, forever  
Ah... Ah... Ah... A - men**

**Communion Song**

***Gratitude***

**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**

***I Will Follow***

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow  
Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow

✝ **Sending**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

