

Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 10:45 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!

Prelude and Bell Ringing

Joy of the Lord

Praise Band

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

All: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

All: **Amen.**

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

✠ **Gathering Song**

The Way

Verse 1 Through every battle
 Through every heartbreak
 Through every circumstance
 I believe that You are my fortress
 You are my portion
 You are my hiding place
 Oh I believe You are

Chorus The Way the Truth the Life
 I believe You are
 The Way the Truth the Life
 I believe,

Verse 2 Through every blessing
 Through every promise
 Through every breath I take
 I believe that You are provider
 You are protector
 You are the One I love
 I believe You are (Chorus)

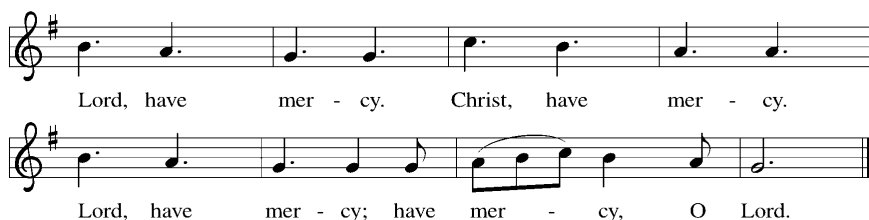
Bridge It's a new horizon
 And I'm set on You
 And You meet me here today
 With mercies that are new
 All my fears and doubts
 They can all come too
 Because they can't stay long
 When I believe You are (Chorus x2)

✠ **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



✠ Song of Praise



✠ Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰When 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?”

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

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.

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 look - ing 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 20:1-16

[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.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

† Song of the Day

Goodness of God

Verse 1 I love You Lord
 Oh Your mercy never fails me
 All my days
 I've been held in Your hands
 From the moment that I wake up
 Until I lay my head
 I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus All my life You have been faithful
 All my life You have been so so good
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2 I love Your voice
 You have led me through the fire
 In darkest night
 You are close like no other
 I've known You as a father
 I've known You as a friend
 I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus All my life You have been faithful
 All my life You have been so so good
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge x2 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 With my life laid down
 I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything
 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me (Chorus)

† 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

O Come to the Altar

- Verse 1 Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling
- Chorus O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
- Verse 2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (Chorus x2)
- Bridge Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen (Chorus)
- Verse 3 Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

† **Litany of Stewardship** (see insert)

† **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

Way Maker

Verse 1 You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus x2 (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2 You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You (Chorus x2)

Bridge Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working (Chorus x2)

Tag That is who You are
 That is who You are
 That is who You are
 That is who You are

Prayer after Communion

P: 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 world in need. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

† Blessing

P: The God of grace bless you now and forever. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

† Sending Song *I Will Follow*

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

Verse 1 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

Chorus 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 (You)

Interlude Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2 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 (Chorus)(Interlude)

Bridge 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 (Chorus x2)

Verse 3 Yeah I will follow You yeah
 I will follow You yeah
 I will follow You yeah

† **Sending**

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude