

## Welcome to Worship

*Our Mission: To boldly live out our faith in Jesus through worship, fellowship, and service to God and our neighbor, here and around the world.*

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**Sunday, June 21, 2026 - 9:30 AM**  
**Youth Sunday**



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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: In 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 Hymn**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**#522**

#### ✠ **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.**

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

### † Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.”<sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

### Second Reading: Psalm 69:7-18 (Read Responsively)

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother’s children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

<sup>11</sup>I put on | sackcloth also,  
and became a by- | word among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,  
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set,  
O LORD: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your  
un- | failing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the  
deep waters. R**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep  
swal- | low me up; do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me. 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.

*Refrain* Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

P: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### † Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul

and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

## Sermon

**Pastor Cole McCormick**

‡ Hymn of the Day   *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*   #815

## ‡ 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

**P:** God of grace...

**C:** ... hear our prayer.

## 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

## *Children of the Heavenly Father*

### † Offering Hymn

### *Doxology*

#885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God, all creatures here below;  
 praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### † 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

### † Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### † Thanksgiving at the Table

*Children of all ages may receive communion or a blessing. They are also invited to take an instrument to praise God during the sending song. All are welcome at Christ's table.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your  
 love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and  
 the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

† **Lord's Prayer**

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**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 Hymn***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

#461

‡ **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 Hymn***Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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‡ **Sending**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**