

Sunday, July 19, 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!

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

Holy is the Lord

Verse 1 We stand and lift up our hands
 For the joy of the Lord is our strength
 We bow down and worship Him now
 How great how awesome is He

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

Pre-Chorus And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory (repeat verse & refrain)

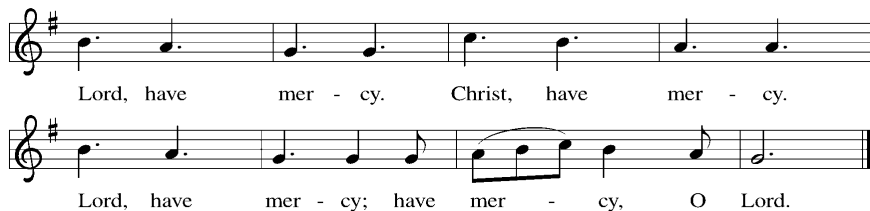
Bridge It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown (return to refrain one more time)

✠ Greeting

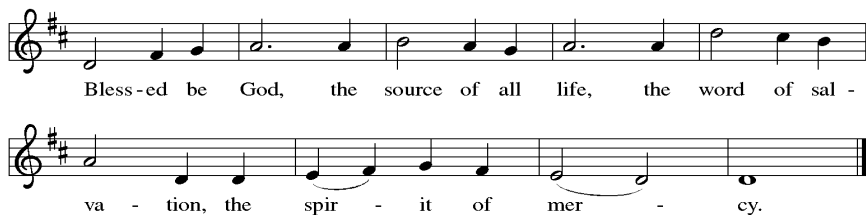
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

✠ Kyrie



✠ Song of Praise



✠ Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Second Reading: Psalm 86:11-17 (Read Responsively)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk[|] in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re-[|]vere your name.
¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with[|] all my heart,
and glorify your name for-[|]evermore. R**
¹³ For great is your[|] love toward me;
you have delivered me from the[|] pit of death.
¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people[|] seeks my life;
they have not set you be-[|]fore their eyes.**
¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full[|] of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind-[|]ness and truth.
¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer-[|]cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child[|] of your
handmaid.**
¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see
it and be[|] put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com-[|]forted 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.

✠ 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 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to

him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.’³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

✠ Song of the Day

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1 O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art

Verse 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze (Chorus)

Verse 3 And when I think that God His Son not sparing
 Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
 That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin (Chorus)

Verse 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
 Then shall I bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim my God how great Thou art (Chorus)

Baptism Isla Ardith Dallager

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Profession of Faith

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **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.**

Thanksgiving At The Font

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

Welcome

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

Indescribable

Verse 1 From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing Your majesty
 From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
 Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
 All exclaiming

Chorus 1 Indescribable uncontainable
 You placed the stars in the sky
 And You know them by name
 You are amazing God
 All powerful untamable
 Awestruck we fall to our knees
 As we humbly proclaim
 You are amazing God

Verse 2 Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
 None can fathom

Chorus 2 Indescribable uncontainable
 You placed the stars in the sky
 And You know them by name
 You are amazing God
 Incomparable unchangeable
 You see the depths of my heart
 And You love me the same
 You are amazing God

Ending You see the depths of my heart
 And You love me the same
 You are amazing God

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

It is Well

Verse 1 Grander earth has quaked before
 Moved by the sound of His voice
 Seas that are shaken and stirred
 Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Chorus Through it all through it all
 My eyes are on You
 Through it all through it all
 It is well
 Through it all through it all
 My eyes are on You
 And it is well with me

Verse 2 Far be it from me to not believe
 Even when my eyes can't see
 And this mountain that's in front of me
 Will be thrown into the midst of the sea (Chorus)

Bridge So let go my soul and trust in Him
 The waves and wind still know His name (repeat Bridge)
 The waves and wind still know His name

Ending It is well with my soul
 It is well with my soul
 It is well with my soul
 It is well it is well with my soul

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1 Come set Your rule and reign
 In our hearts again
 Increase in us we pray
 Unveil why we're made
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
 Like wildfire in our very souls
 Holy Spirit come invade us now
 We are Your church
 We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2 We seek Your kingdom first
 We hunger and we thirst
 Refuse to waste our lives
 For You're our joy and prize
 To see the captives' hearts released
 The hurt the sick the poor at peace
 We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
 We are Your church
 We pray revive this earth

Chorus Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3 Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
 Reaching the near and far
 No force of hell can stop
 Your beauty changing hearts
 You made us for much more than this
 Awake the kingdom seed in us
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
 We are Your church
 We are the hope on earth (Chorus)

† **Sending**

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude