

Sunday, October 18, 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

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.**

† **Gathering Song**

Battle Belongs

- Verse 1 When all I see is the battle
 You see my victory
 When all I see is a mountain
 You see a mountain moved
 And as I walk through the shadow
 Your love surrounds me
 There's nothing to fear now
 For I am safe with You
- Chorus So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
 With my hands lifted high
 O God the battle belongs to You
 And every fear I lay at Your feet
 I'll sing through the night
 O God the battle belongs to You
- Verse 2 And if You are for me
 Who can be against me
 For Jesus there's nothing
 Impossible for You
 When all I see are the ashes
 You see the beauty
 When all I see is a cross
 God You see the empty tomb (Chorus)
- Bridge x2 (An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
 Nothing can stand against
 The power of our God
 You shine in the shadows
 You win every battle
 Nothing can stand against
 The power of our God (Chorus)
- Tag O God the battle belongs to You

† **Greeting**

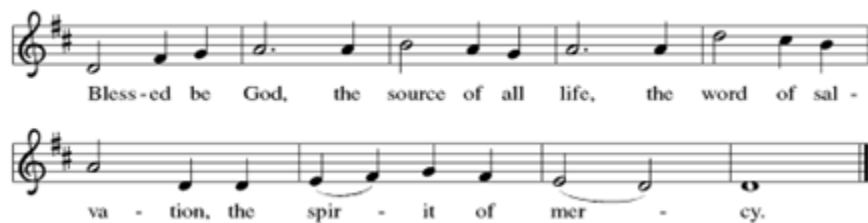
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
 the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

† Kyrie



† Song of Praise



† Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and to strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
 and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
 and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;

I give you a title, though you do not know me.

- ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

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

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Children's Message (Sing)

Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was a wee, little man,
And a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
For the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior came that way,
He looked up in the tree,

Spoken: And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down from there!"

For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.

† 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 22:15-22

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said.

¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things

that are God's.”²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

† Song of the Day

In Christ Alone

Verse 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light my strength my song
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease
 My Comforter my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
 Till on that cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3 There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4 No guilt in life no fear in death
 This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

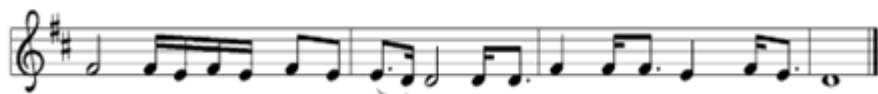
P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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, 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

Cornerstone

Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame
 But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)

Chorus Christ alone cornerstone
 Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
 Through the storm He is Lord
 Lord of all

Verse 2 When darkness seems to hide His face
 I rest on His unchanging grace
 In every high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil
 My anchor holds within the veil (Chorus)

Interlude He is Lord Lord of all (Chorus)

Verse 3 When He shall come with trumpet sound
 Oh may I then in Him be found
 Dressed in His righteousness alone
 Faultless stand before the throne

† Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.

† Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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

Firm Foundation

Verse 1 Christ is my firm foundation
 The rock on which I stand
 When everything around me is shaken
 I've never been more glad
 That I put my faith in Jesus
 'Cause He's never let me down
 He's faithful through generations
 So why would He fail now

Chorus 1 He won't He won't

Verse 2 I've still got joy in chaos
 I've got peace that makes no sense
 So I won't be going under
 I'm not held by my own strength
 'Cause I've built my life on Jesus

He's never let me down
 He's faithful in every season
 So why would He fail now

Chorus 2 He won't He won't
 He won't fail
 He won't fail (no) (Verse 1)

Bridge (Oh) Rain came and wind blew
 But my house was built on You
 (And) I'm safe with You
 I'm going to make it through (REPEAT)

Vamp Yeah I'm going to make it through
 'Cause I'm standing strong on You
 Yeah I'm going to make it through
 'Cause my house is built on You (Verse 1)

Chorus 3 He won't He won't
 He won't fail
 He won't fail no He won't

† **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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give your peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

† **Sending Song**

One True God

Verse 1 One voice in the dark
 A song that lights up the stars
 One breath that gives life
 One sov'reign in pow'r

Who speaks with thunder and fire
 One Lord one King
 There is no other that can compare to You

Chorus You are the One alone in greatness
 The One who never changes
 Jesus
 You are the One who rose in power
 The One who reigns forever
 Jesus (You're) the one true God
 (You're the one true God)

Verse 2 One man on a cross
 One light of the world
 One name one word
 One way to be saved
 One Lamb that was slain
 One love above all
 There is no other that can compare to You (Chorus)

Tag You're the one true God
 You're the one true God

Bridge x2 And we have seen the glory of
 The one and only Son of God
 Yes we have seen the glory of
 The one and only Son of God (Chorus)

Ending You're the one true God
 You are the one true God

† Sending

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude