



Seventh
Sunday after
Pentecost



building faith...sharing hope...living love.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion at Grace

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. The bread and wine do not symbolize or represent the body and blood of Christ, but are the real presence, as he says of "This is my body. . . This is my blood."

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Matthews.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

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Isaiah 44:6–8

Romans 8:18–27

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is "*the Son of Man*," Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in "*the sons of the kingdom*" (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets "*both grow together until the harvest*" (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is "*the King of Israel and his Redeemer*" (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, "*fear not, nor be afraid*" (Is. 44:8). For "*the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God*" (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, "*the Spirit helps us in our weakness*" (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, "*the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us*" (Rom. 8:18).

+Welcome and Announcements+

+Confession and Absolution+

Stand

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing, By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!
To God all praise and glo - ry!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+Service of the Word+

Introit

Ps. 86:11–15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth,*
unite my heart to | fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

**For great is your steadfast | love toward me,*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seek my life,*
and they do not set you be- | fore them.

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.**



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis


LSB 187



☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

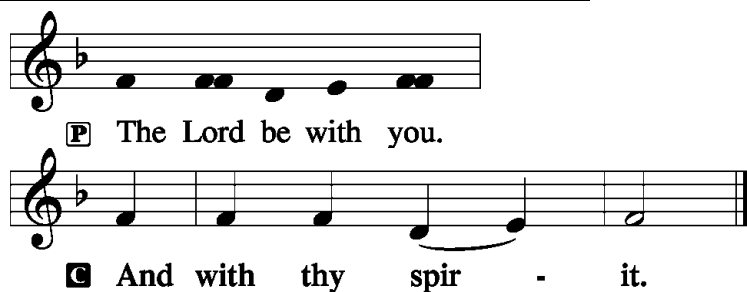
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6–8

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the forty-fourth chapter.

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.
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:57–64 (antiphon: v. 89)

The LORD is my | portion;*
I promise to | keep your words.
I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*
be gracious to me according to your | promise.

When I think | on my ways,*
 I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;
I hasten and do | not delay*
to keep your com- | mandments.
 Though the cords of the wicked en- | snare me,*
 I do not for- | get your law.
At midnight I rise to | praise you,*
because of your just and righ- | teous decrees.
 I am a companion of all who | fear you,*
 of those who keep your | precepts.
The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;*
teach me your | statutes!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

772 In Holy Conversation

LSB 772



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,



And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Sermon

Votum

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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

... Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

... through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's 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.**

Sit

564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

LSB 564



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

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+Service of the Sacrament+

Stand

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



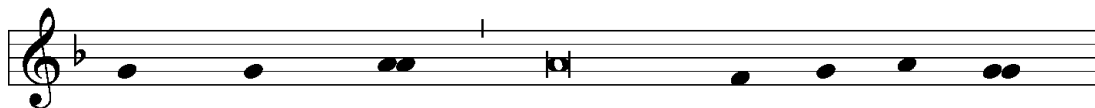
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

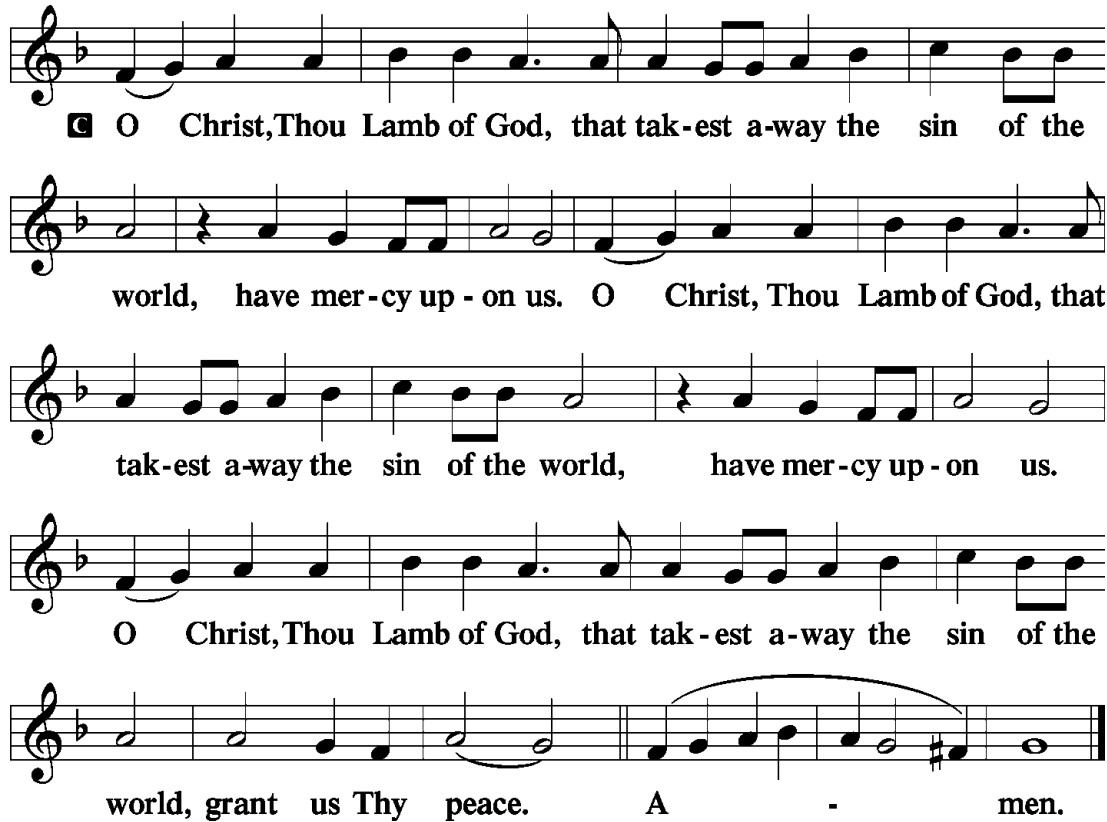
Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

LSB 199

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

LSB 750



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in
2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful
4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -
ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Stand

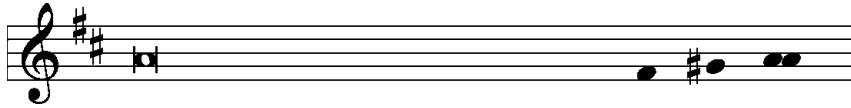
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Nunc Dimittis

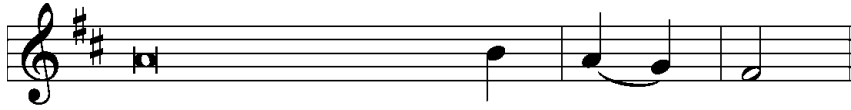
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



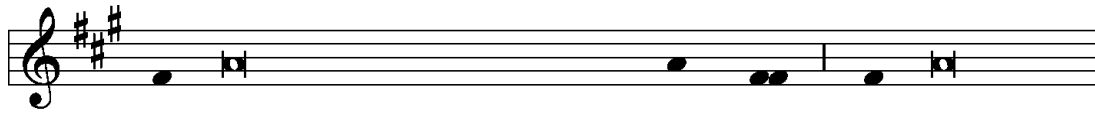
A Bless we the Lord.



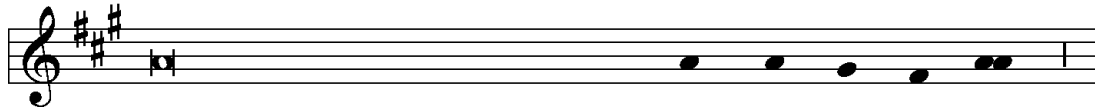
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

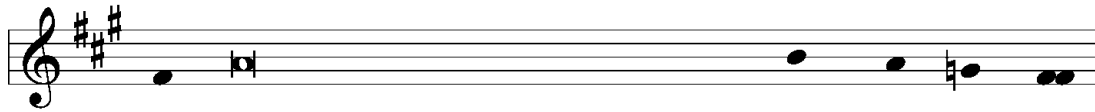
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

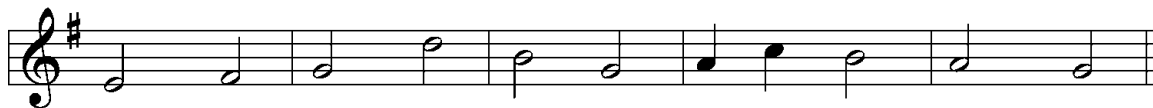
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1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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P Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Life Quote for the week of July 19, 2020

“Lifting each other up, as we share our faith in Christ Who came to make all things new, is the only hope we have. Let us not waste this life God has given us, but let us move forward in faith, together, knowing that ultimately the gates of hell will not prevail against those who love God.”
Abbott Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •
www.lutheransforlife.org



24 George & Sharon Budd

25 Joel & Jenewa Wippich



Weekly Worship in-person and via Facebook Live!

As we return to in-person worship today, we give thanks to God for bringing us through these trying times. For all who are ill, do not feel comfortable in larger groups, or cannot get to our services, we will continue to stream our worship services using Facebook Live! At our regular Sunday morning worship time (10:45 a.m.) we will broadcast the worship service. You can watch the live worship service, or you can view the service later by going to the Grace Lutheran Tacoma Facebook page.

Bulletins for the service are mailed out on Thursday or Friday each week. If you have not received a bulletin by Saturday afternoon, please message Pastor Matthews through the Facebook page (Messenger) and a copy of the service folder will be sent you in reply.

Your feedback on these services is greatly appreciated. If you are having difficulties accessing the services, or if other difficulties arise, please contact us through the Facebook page or by sending an email to Pastor@GraceLutheranTacoma.org.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30. When we are able to join together for Bible Study again, we will begin working through the Synod's program, **Every One His Witness**. This resource will help us feel more comfortable discussing our faith with friends and family. Our Bible Studies are a great way to build understanding of God's Word and give us tools to survive the challenges of daily living. **We are reviewing options for returning to Sunday Morning Bible Study. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



Midweek Bible Study meets Thursday mornings. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. The meeting location has changed to Prince of Peace until the South Tacoma Library lifts its meeting room closure (to avoid the spread of Corona Virus). Our sessions begin at 10:30 and conclude around 11:30.

Reading and studying the Lutheran Confessions

Our Lutheran Confessions reading/study/discussion group is rolling along. We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for approximately one and a half hours. The meeting will be in the library at Prince of Peace. **We are reviewing options for returning to our study of the Lutheran Confessions. Stay tuned for more information on when classes will resume.**



Updated Website for Grace

During the time of our exile to our homes by order of Governor Inslee, Pastor Matthews has been working on updating our website. The old Grace Lutheran website was not significantly updated since we sold our old building. The new website presents to the world our Lutheran identity as a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, as well as our confessional position embracing the Sacraments for the precious gift that they are.

The site is still undergoing updating, but current information is now available for the public to see regarding our Grace Family. Part of our new presence is a page linking people to our Facebook Live! Services. Bulletins and sermons are available on the site as well. The website address is www.gracelutherantacoma.org. When you have a chance, take a look at our digital face to the world. Your comments and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and greatly appreciated. Please let Pastor know what your thoughts are about this new look.

Shop on Amazon.com? Support our congregation

Amazon.com has a program that contributes 0.5% of purchases to a charity of your choosing. AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) is the website through which purchases are made and donations to Grace Lutheran Church accrue.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Grace every time you shop, at no cost to you.



On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Grace Lutheran Church has registered as a charitable organization, so you will find us there.

We have received \$83.63 so far. Thanks to all for supporting us.

Prayer Requests

This week we remember in our prayers, members and friends for whom prayers are requested, including:

Healing

Alda S
Judy G
Dan B
Joan D
Jeremiah R
Alethea B
Jim L
Chris R
Joy S
Charles S
Chris R
Kirk D

Healing/Other

Eric S
Denes V
Randy H
Hank B
Grant O
Bonnie S
Ryan C
Jim M
Jennifer Z
Ray C
Eric H

Cancer

James M
Al S
Gabe T
Edith L
Jason
Jerry M
Marion B
Timothy R

Homebound

Doug B
Karen J



Prepare for next week

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

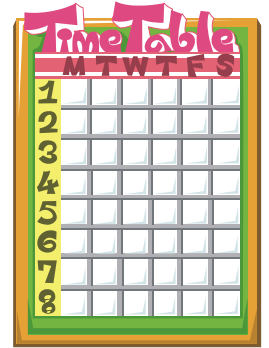
Deuteronomy 7:6–9
Romans 8:28–39
Matthew 13:44–52



Scripture Readings
for next week

This Week (and next) at Grace

Today	10:45 a.m.	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
July 21 st	10:00 a.m.	Betty Ann Circle, Psalm Study (Psalm 105)
July 23 rd	10:30 a.m.	Mid-week Bible Study – Gospel of Luke
July 26 th	10:45 a.m.	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service in person and via Facebook Live!



LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO THE HOUSEHOLD

THE CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (**Exodus 20:5-6**)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.