

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 to first speak with Pastor Matthews.

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Ephesians 2:11–22

Mark 6:30–44

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes "*the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep*" (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets "*shepherds over them who will care for them*" (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to "*reign as king and deal wisely*" (Jer. 23:5). He is "*our righteousness,*" in whom we " *dwell securely*" (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were "*like sheep without a shepherd*" (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples "*to set before the people*" (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace "*to you who were far off,*" and "*by the blood of Christ,*" He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were "*separated from Christ*" by your sin, "*having no hope and without God in the world*" (Eph. 2:12), now "*you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*" (Eph. 2:19).

Welcome and Announcements

Stand

645 Built on the Rock

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



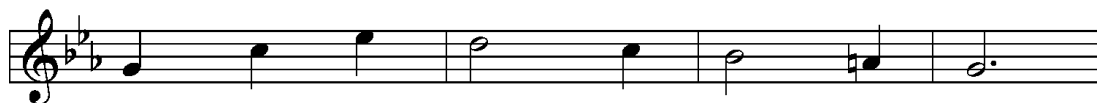
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Confession and Absolution

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

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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. 147:7–11; antiphon: Ps. 145:16

You open | your hand;*

you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*

make melody to our God | on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*

he makes grass grow | on the hills.

He gives to the | beasts their food,*

and to the young ravens | that cry.

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*

nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*

in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

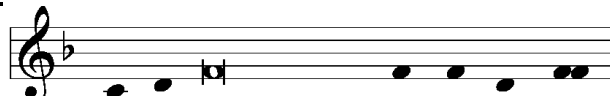
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

You open | your hand;*

you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

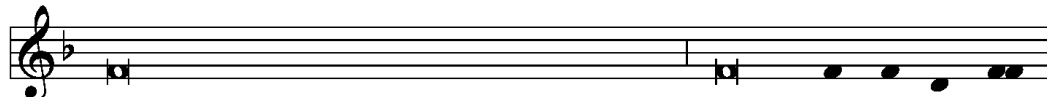
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




G Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



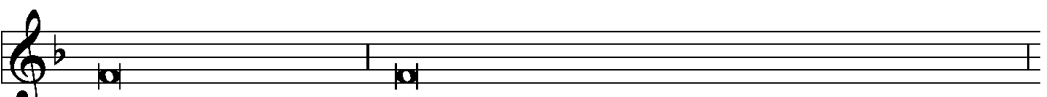
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



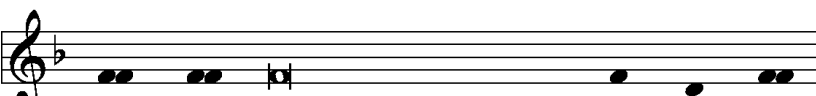
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

¹The LORD is my | shepherd; * I | shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green | pastures.***
He leads me beside still | waters.

³He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his | name’s sake.

**⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are | with me; *
your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies; *
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life, *
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for- | ever.**

**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

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.


A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

644 The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** . . . **hear our prayer.**
- P** . . . through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** . . . **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

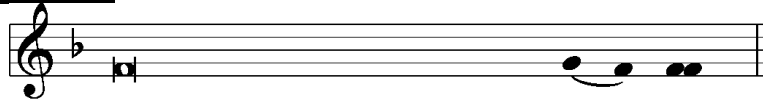
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

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:

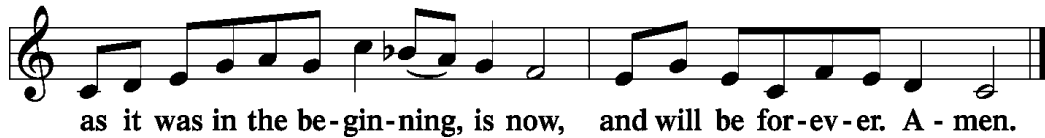
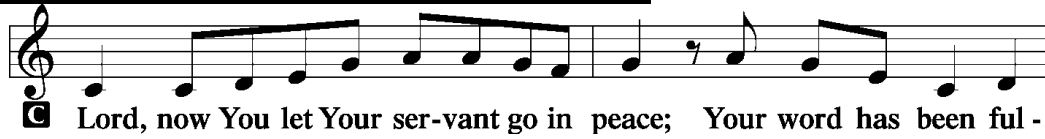
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle -- Nunc Dimittis

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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 Amen.

Life Quote for the week of July 18, 2021

“You, too, are one of the people Jesus came to rescue. You are one that He loves enough to suffer and even die for. His intention is to give you life—everlasting life—just as He has risen from the dead and will never die again. He is your king, and He wants you in God’s kingdom.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Weekly Worship in-person and via Facebook Live!

We give thanks to God for sustaining 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 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 or Grace’s website (www.GraceLutheranTacoma.org) under the about us tab, click on worship. There you will find links to the video of the service, a copy of the bulletin, and a copy of the sermon.

Bulletins are available via a link found in the Facebook Live! invitation. If you would like a copy mailed to you please let Pastor know and he will put a copy of the service folder in the mail to you prior to the service.

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.

Joint Worship July 25th and August 1st

Pastor Matthews will be attending the Doxology Annual Retreat at the end of the month and will be unavailable to lead worship for the next to Sundays. Arrangements have been made for us to worship with Prince of Peace at their 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services. Regular worship will resume on August 8th.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

In association with Prince of Peace we studying the book, “The Fire and the Staff” written by Klemet I. Preus. Please plan to attend and strengthen your faith.



Midweek Bible Study will resume in September. We meet Thursday mornings at Prince of Peace. We will conclude our study of the Gospel of Luke and then begin a study of Isaiah. Our sessions begin at 10:30 and conclude around 11:30.

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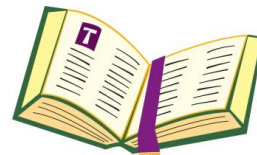
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Prepare for next week

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

Genesis 9:8–17
Ephesians 3:14–21
Mark 6:45–56



Scripture Readings
for next week

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
Jim L
Chris R
Dori M
Kirk D

Healing/Other

Eric S
Randy H
Hank B
Jennifer Z
Eric H
Rick L
Herbert G (Alda's Brother)
Rick S

Cancer

James M
Jerry M
Bobby M

Homebound

Doug B
Karen J



Prayer
Requests

This Week (and next) at Grace

Today	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – “The Fire and the Staff The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!
July 25 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – “The Fire and the Staff Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live! Joint Worship with Prince of Peace
Aug 1 st	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – “The Fire and the Staff Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live! Joint Worship with Prince of Peace
Aug 8 th	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study – “The Fire and the Staff Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service in-person and via Facebook Live!

