

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 3, 2025**

**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to fill out an attendance slip in the pew back in front of you and drop it off in the offering plate.*

**Welcome**

**Greeting**

**Ringling of Bell**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”** *LSB 782*

**1 Gracious God, You send great blessings, New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise. Refrain**

*ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people, Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings, May bring glory to Your name.*

**2 By Your Word You formed creation, Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure, May our care encircle all. Refrain**

**3 In His earthly life, our Savior, Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication, Offer love that never ends. Refrain**

**△ 4 Heav’nly Father, may our caring, Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain**

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*Stand*

**Invocation**

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

**[C]** Amen.

**Exhortation**

*LSB 151*

**[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.*

## **Confession of Sins**

*LSB 151*

**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.**

## **Absolution**

*LSB 151*

**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.**

## **Common Versicles**

*LSB 219*

**P** O Lord, open my lips,

♪**C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

♪**C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

♪**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

## **Psalmody**

### **Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 220*

**P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

♪**C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

### ♪**Venite**

*LSB 220*

**C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

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

### **Antiphon (Common)**

*LSB 221*

**[P]** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**♪[C]** O come, let us worship Him.

### **Additional Psalms**

*Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3*

**[P]** <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**[C]** <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**[P]** <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!

**[C]** It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**[P]** <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**[C]** and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

- P** <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;  
**C** **his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Sit*

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

- L** A reading from Ecclesiastes, chapter 1.

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

*Colossians 3:1–11*

- L** A reading from Colossians, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:13–21*

**P** A reading from Luke, chapter 12.

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Responsory**

*LSB 221*

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**♪C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.**

**♪C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**♪C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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*

### **Children's Message**

**♪Hymn: "All Depends on Our Possessing"**

*LSB 732*

- 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken, And will keep a dauntless heart.**
- 2 He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me, Will remain my help divine.**
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure, And that now is seldom found.**

- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender, For on God alone I build.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever; I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

♪Hymn: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

*LSB 940 sts. 1–5*

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav’n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn, Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the \_apostles’ holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.
- △ 5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

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## Prayer

♪Kyrie

*LSB 227*

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Collects

### Introduction to Collects

*LSB 227*

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

♪**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 228

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**✪C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 228

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

**✪C** Amen.

## ✪C Closing: “Christ Be My Leader”

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

**BIRTHDAYS**: Taylor Stowater, Ryan Bodlak, Janet Casey, Avery Kai, Lindsay Niemann, Rachelle Reeg, Shania Anderson, Rick McKeown, Jesse Rethwiesch, Zeppelin Blohm & Mandy Olson

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Evan & Diana Jacob, Larry & Lorraine Johnson, Dan & Bonnie Hansen, Brian & Jennifer Kesting, Don & Lisa Nelson, Darin & Jessi Jensen, Duane & Kelly Witt, Virgil & Lila Loewe, Aaron & Kimberly Ocampo and Kent & Carol Wilke

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE**: \$3,731.

**NURSERY**: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room.

**PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN**: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

**LUTHERAN HOUR: "Writing Him Off"** -- Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus -- After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**LIFESERVE BLOOD DRIVE** will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 1:00 pm. to 6:00 pm. There is no substitute for human blood! Schedule your appointment today @ 800-287-4903.

**BIBLES & BINGO**: Join us for Bibles & Bingo Night at **Cup of Grace on August 23 at 4 pm**—starting with a short family devotion, followed by whole-group bingo at 4:15 pm, and board and card games to keep the fun going! Whether you are a young child or young at heart, join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Bring your favorite game to share and play with your Grace family!

**RALLY DAY:** Mark your calendar – Sunday School will kick off on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with our annual Rally Day celebration. Stay tuned for more information about our new school year in Christian Education.

**GRIEFSHARE:** No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. A GriefShare grief support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend is coming to Grace. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 14 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video. You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process. Please join us beginning September 8 in the room by the mailboxes! Contact Darlene Lilienkamp with any questions: [dalili52@yahoo.com](mailto:dalili52@yahoo.com)

**FISHERS OF KIDS:** If you know any families looking for a preschool, Fishers of Kids is still accepting registrations. You can pick up a registration form in the Church office.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVRSARY:** Grace will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary November 9th with a worship service and congregational meal. The Anniversary Committee is planning a program to follow the meal. Please share any special memories or ideas to enhance the program with the planning committee. Suggestions may be emailed to [marytemme@gmail.com](mailto:marytemme@gmail.com) or you may call 402-375-0562. The committee will meet Monday July 28th at 7:00 pm.

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**ACOLYTES:** Chloe Kai & Ryker Heithold (8:00)

Lucille Ocampo (10:30)

**READERS:** Diane Zach (8:00) Mary Temme (10:30)

**GREETERS:** Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (8:00) Doug & Mary Temme (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402-584-2257

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Larry & Lorraine Johnson in honor of wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE		
Today	8:00 am. 9:15 am. 10:30 am.	Worship Bible Class Worship
Tuesday	7:30 pm.	Elders meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am.	Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 am. 9:15 am. 10:30 am.	Worship/Communion Bible Class Worship/Communion



# **BIBLES & BINGO**

**4:00PM**

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 23RD @  
CUP OF GRACE**

**Family Devotion: 4:00pm  
Whole-Group Bingo: 4:15pm  
Board games, card games, and  
snacks to follow**

**Bring your favorite game to share!**

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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## T-SHIRT SALE

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Fill out this form to purchase a \$20 "Grace Lutheran Church" black, short-sleeved shirt! Complete with the LCMS logo, this t-shirt is perfect for church events or for around town.

**Proceeds will go to the Grace Sunday School Program to purchase new whiteboards, tables, and chairs to accommodate our growing classes.**

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Cell:</b>		
<b>Size &amp; Quantity:</b> <b>*Write the number of shirts you want in the boxes below:</b>		
Youth S:	Youth M:	Youth L:
Adult XS:	Adult S:	Adult M:
Adult L:	Adult XL:	Adult 2XL:

**Return this form to the church office by August 24th.**

Checks can be made out to "Grace Lutheran Church," with "Sunday School" in the memo line.  
Contact Callie Hammes with any questions.