



Grace



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*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”*

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021

Today in Worship

- Jesus’ disciples did not understand the prophecy about His death and resurrection. They focused, instead, on their personal greatness. So, He inverted their viewpoint, using a child to explain that true greatness is in humble servanthood, in welcoming even children (then considered to be without status). But our inner passions rebel and war against such servanthood, as James explains in the Epistle. Fortunately, by the gracious gift of faith, in place of personal struggles, we can rely on God, as Jeremiah does in the Old Testament Reading and David in today’s psalm. Our Lord is the humblest and therefore greatest Servant, and by His death and resurrection He has proclaimed that God’s grace knows no bounds. Confidently, we can follow Him in humble servanthood each day.
- God’s Grace to you as you partake of Your one and only Savior Jesus this day.

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #908

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

1. Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e’er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.
2. Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow’r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.

Δ 3. To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

Confession & Absolution

Lutheran Service Book p. 184-185

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

C Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Introit Psalm

Psalm 37:5-7; *antiphon: v. 4*

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and He will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the LORD;

C trust in Him, and He will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C and your justice as the noonday.

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

Gloria Patri + Kyrie

Lutheran Service Book p. 186



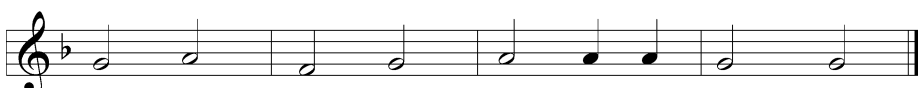
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



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



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



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

Gloria in Excelsis

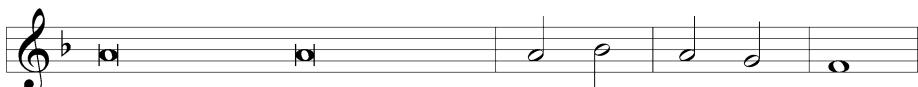
Lutheran Service Book p. 187-189



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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;



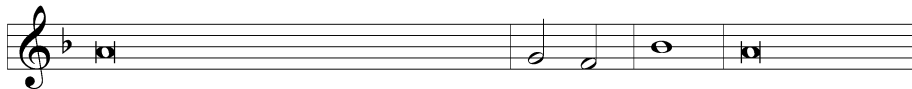
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



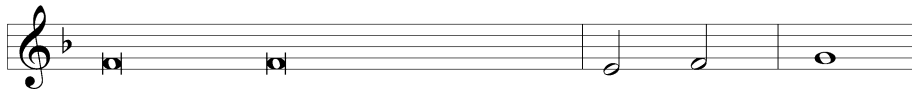
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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,



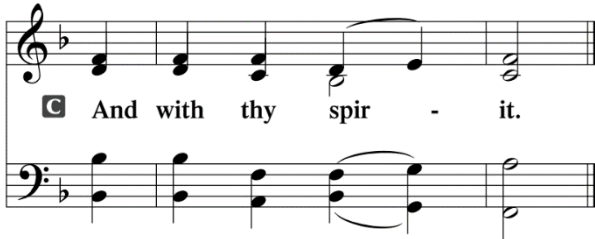
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



¹⁸ The Lord made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰ But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:10

“The apostle proclaims God’s peace even as we struggle with inner warfare.”

L The Epistle Reading is from James, chapters three and four.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

^{4:1} What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Lutheran Service Book p. 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

“After prophesying His death and resurrection, Jesus teaches the disciples how to serve humbly.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

8:00 Service

The Nicene Creed

C 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.

The 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 shall 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.**

Message for Children from God's Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #851

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

1. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?
4. Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

Sermon

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12 -- Lutheran Service Book p. 192-193



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

“With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, for it is good.” – *Psalm 54:6*

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

10:30am Service

Rite of Confirmation

Mr. Trevor Trealout

Preface + Proper Preface

Lutheran Service Book p. 195

Sanctus *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Lutheran Service Book p. 195

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

Pax Domini *“The Peace of Our Lord”*

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

Agnus Dei *“Lamb of God”*

Lutheran Service Book p. 198

Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #629

“What Is This Bread”

1. What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.
3. So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.
4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.
5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #620

“Jesus Comes Today With Healing”

1. Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation: “Come and taste the blessed feast.”
2. Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
3. Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv’n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.
4. God descends with heav’nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
5. Let me praise God’s boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
6. Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev’ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Nunc Dimittis *“Song of Simeon”*

Lutheran Service Book p. 199-200

Thanksgiving + Prayer

Lutheran Service Book p. 200

Salutation and Benedicamus

Lutheran Service Book p. 201-202

Benediction

Lutheran Service Book p. 202

Announcements

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Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #535
“How Wide the Love of Christ”

1. How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace.
2. How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.
3. How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives Unmeasured mercy pours.
4. How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands All human pain and loss.
5. All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space With endless life and light!