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

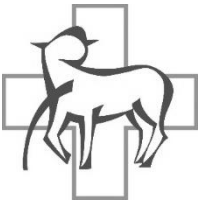
*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don't hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service.** If you are physically 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.*

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

Today in Worship

Lutheran Women in Mission: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. On Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday we remember our past and look to the future.



Ringing of the Bells
Announcements *(10:30am Service)*
Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #700
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Invocation & Sentences

Ps. 43:4; 124:8; Is. 25:9

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

C **Amen.**

P I will go to the altar of God,

C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

℗ Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

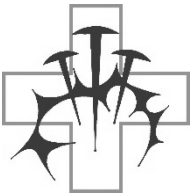
℃ This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Confession & Absolution

℗ Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

℃ 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.

℗ 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.



℃ Amen.

Psalm 23

℗ The Lord is my shepherd;

℃ I shall not want.

℗ He makes me lie down in green pastures.

℃ He leads me beside still waters.

℗ He restores my soul.

℃ He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

C you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

**C and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

**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.**

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #797
"Praise the Almighty"

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

"A feast for all peoples"

L The Old Testament Reading for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 25.

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *(10:30am)*

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

"Exhortation and encouragement"

L The Epistle Reading is from Philippians, chapter four.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived
your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you
had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I
have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know
how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and
every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and
hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Revelation 22:17

P Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come" Let the one who hears say, "Come."

C **Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

"The parable of the wedding feast"

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a
wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those
who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not
come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are
invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat
calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to
the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention and went off,
one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized
his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king
was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those
murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants,
'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast
as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the
roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So
the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there
a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him,
'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?'
And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants,
'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In
that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For
many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles Creed *8:00am service*

The Nicene Creed *10:30am service*

Message for Children from God's Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #514
"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

Sermon

Offertory ~ "Create in Me"

Lutheran Service Book #192-193

Offering

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
– Isaiah 25:9

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.

Profession of Faith *(10:30am)* *Mr. Corey Warner*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

℗ Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

℗ Almighty God, Heavenly Father, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise, that spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ, and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

(10:30 a.m. Services continue page 9 of the Worship Folder.)

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace & Announcements

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #706
"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service

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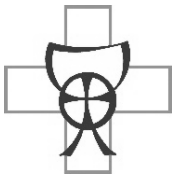
Preface *sung* LSB p. 194

Proper Preface

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should…

… evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* LSB p. 195

Lord's Prayer *Spoken* LSB p. 196

The Words of our Lord *Spoken* LSB p. 197

Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"* LSB p. 197

Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"* LSB p. 198

Distribution Hymns

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" LSB # 688
"The Lamb" LSB # 547
"How Firm a Foundation" LSB # 728

Nunc Dimittis *"Song of Simeon"* LSB p. 199-200

Thanksgiving LSB p. 200

The LWML Pledge

℃ **In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.**

We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

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