

**Pentecost 13**

**August 22, 2021**

# Armor of God



**Therefore put on  
the full armor of God,  
so that when the  
day of evil comes,  
you may be able  
to stand your ground,  
and after you have  
done everything,  
to stand.**

## Grace Lutheran Church

**Worship at 8:00 am (Spoken) & 10:15 am (Liturgical)**

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**Pastor: Rev. Althea Albright**

**Music Director: Mr. Scott J. Breiner**

**Church Secretary: Diana McArdle**

**Sexton: Andrew McCarrick**

## Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email at: [pastoralthea3@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralthea3@gmail.com) or by phone 484-345-0399.

## Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.

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**Serving in Worship Today—Worship Assistant:** Corinne Rhodes

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Traa

**NO Fellowship**

**Sound Technicians:** Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

## In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace! We are trying a new way of listing our prayer concerns in the coming weeks. If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

**Members of Grace:** Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N., John S., Corinne & Scott Rhodes

**Family and friends:** Family and friends of Doris Pugliese (sister of Rene Pugliese) Elliott, Gage (friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Welfields); Shirley & Carl (Parents of Debbie Kleuser) Family and Friends of AJ Clement; Family and Friends of Cat, Christian and Alizay; Jim, Vicki, (friends of Meg LaSpina), Payton (friend of Joyce Bianco), Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.), Family of Ambrose O'Donnell, 3rd ( Friend of Claire Brick); Timothy Gibson (cousin of Ruth Bowden)

**Those Serving Our Country:** Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USM; Cainan Johnson, USAF

**At Home** - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

**Shores@Wesley Manor:** Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

**Woodview Estates:** Lorraine Moore

**WITH ONE VOICE**  
**BREAD OF LIFE**  
**Congregation responses in bold print.**

## GATHERING

**WELCOME**

Rev. Althea Albright

**PRELUDE**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

by Aaron David Miller

*Please stand as you are able*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Gracious God, we open our hearts to you. You know each of us inside and out.

We cannot hide anything from you. Create in us hearts of love and humble us to serve you by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Renew our relationship with you and restore our joy as we worship you and magnify your holy name. **Amen**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

ELW # 557

Verses 1, 3, &amp; 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

L O R D H A V E M E R C Y  
*Christ have mercy*  
 L O R D H A V E M E R C Y

## GLORY TO GOD



**Refrain:** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

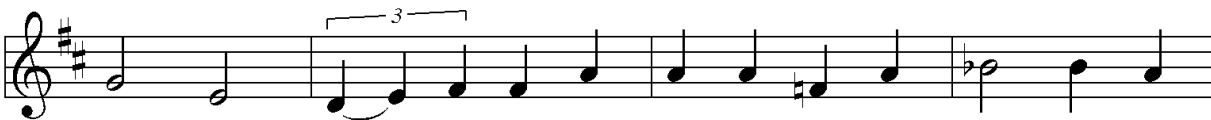


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

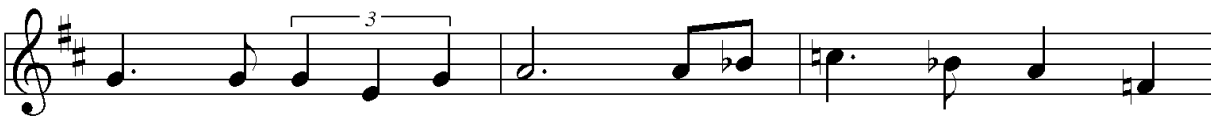
**Refrain:**



**II** 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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
II



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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

*In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

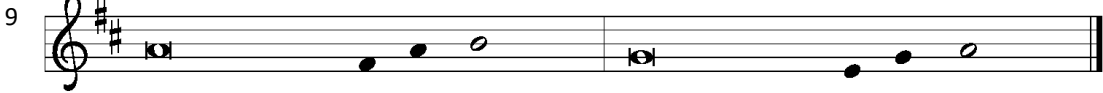
<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**





## PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous, / and God's ears are open | to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them/and delivers them from | all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous, / but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe | all their bones; / not one of them | shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death | to the wicked/and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL READING: John 6:56-69**

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

<sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Althea Albright



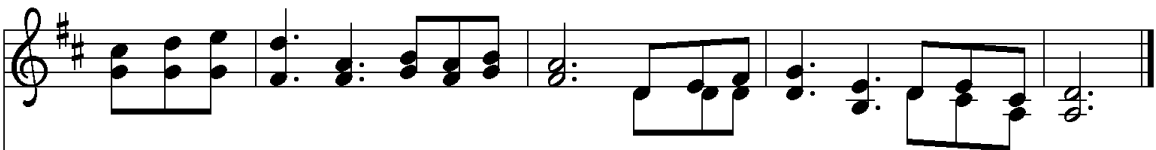
- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

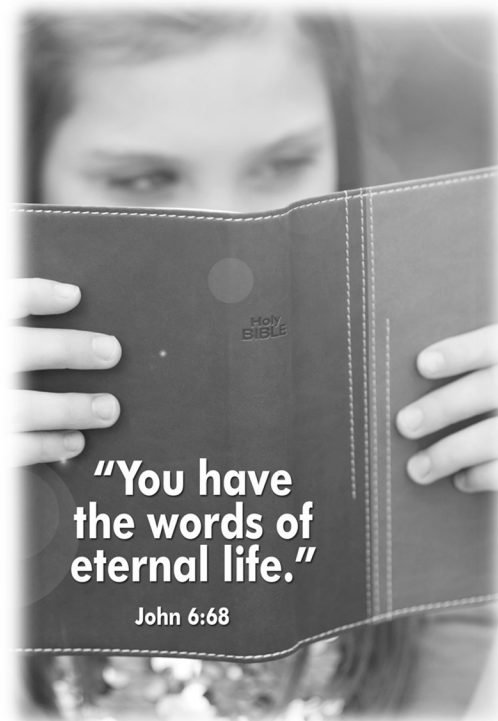
## WEEKLY OFFERING

*We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace.  
Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call  
the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.*

## OFFERTORY

*Surely God is in This Place*  
Tenor: Charles Bowden

by John M. Rasley



## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Please stand as you are able*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.*

Let us pray. **We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us.**

**Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Pastor:* Coming together as people of God, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Leader:* God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. We pray for all those who need your healing touch especially all these we name now or in our hearts. ....Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. We pray for all those who have been joining our community of faith. Strengthen all of us in unity and as we grow together in faith and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

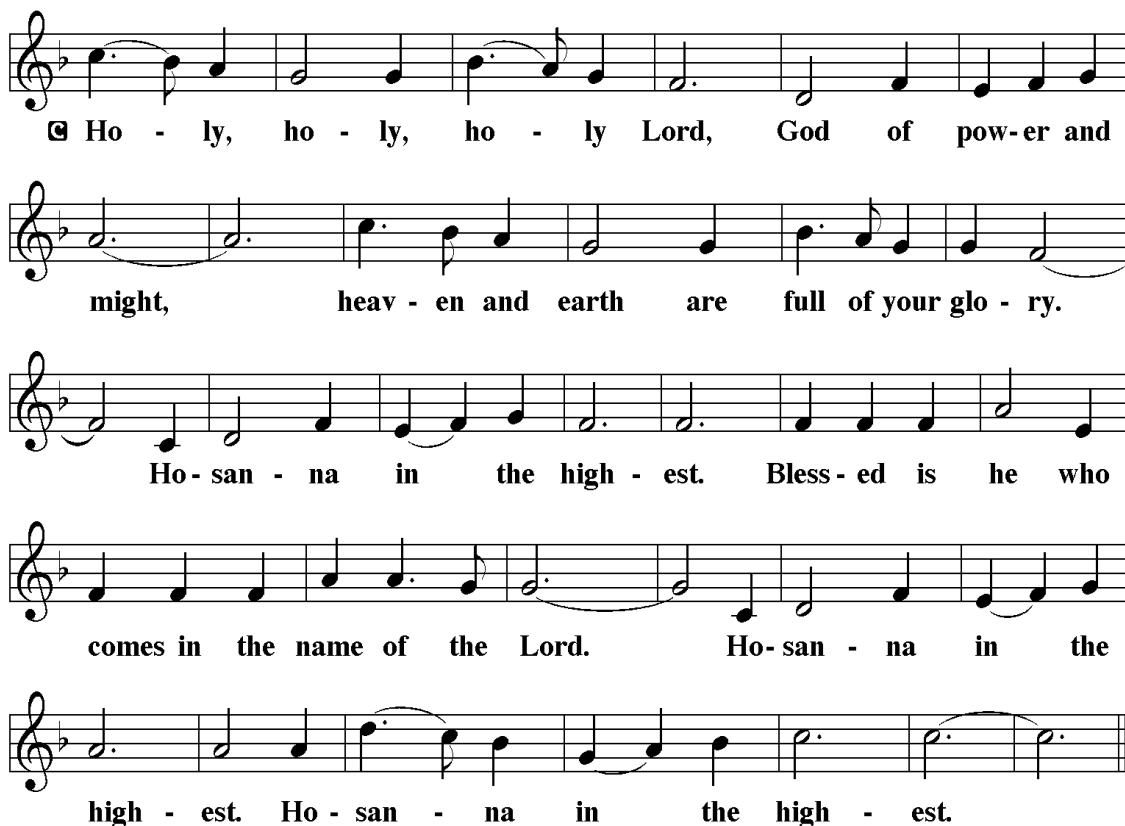
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have taken us by the hand, and offered yourself to us in a sacred sacrament. You are the creator of all things; you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth. You know our inner most being and offered us love and forgiveness in the new covenant embodied in your Son, Jesus, who died for all the world. Now, with the whole church, the angels, and all of heaven we praise you and sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Almighty God, at this, your holy table, we come to you to be fed by your presence.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together we celebrate this holy meal. May all praise and thanks be to you, Holy God,  
through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by Christ, let us pray.

**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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

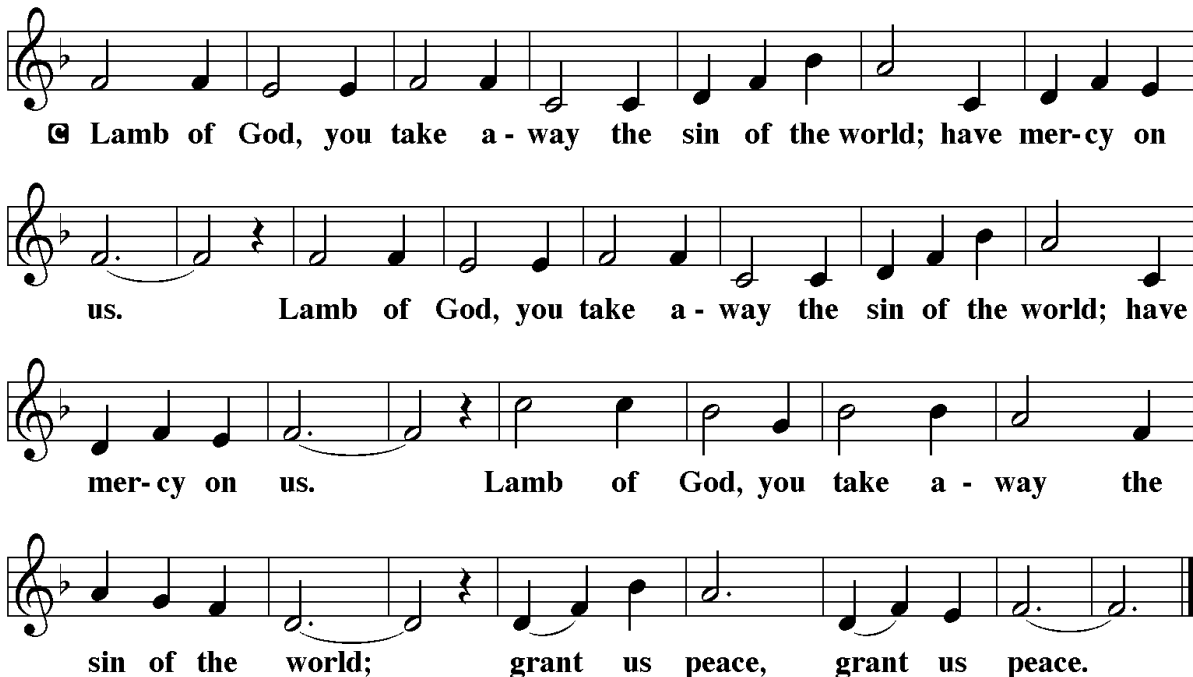
Come to the banquet for Christ is our host. **Amen.**

**Communion will be offered in two ways, continuous at the chancel step, and at the direction of Pastor after everyone has come forward (for those at home online and those who choose to remain seated).**

**Follow the direction of the ushers to come to the front or remain seated and after all have come forward, direction for the prefilled host and grape juice will be given.**



## COMMUNION HYMN



**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, grant us peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### IF YOU CHOOSE TO COME FORWARD:

Follow the directions of Pastor and the Ushers.

### IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN AT YOUR SEAT OR YOU ARE ONLINE:

Prepare your elements after all have come forward and wait for direction from Pastor.



## CANTICLE

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the sharing of this holy meal you bless us with the body and blood of your Son to refresh and restate all of your people.

Give us courage and guidance that we may continue to be your hands and feet in the world. Amen

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place, know that God loves you.

Remember Christ's presence is with you wherever you go.

Know that the Spirit is with you whenever you call on the Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised  
**Music located on the next page**

**ELW # 810**

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

*Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.*

## POSTLUDE

*Assurance*

by J. Bert Carlson

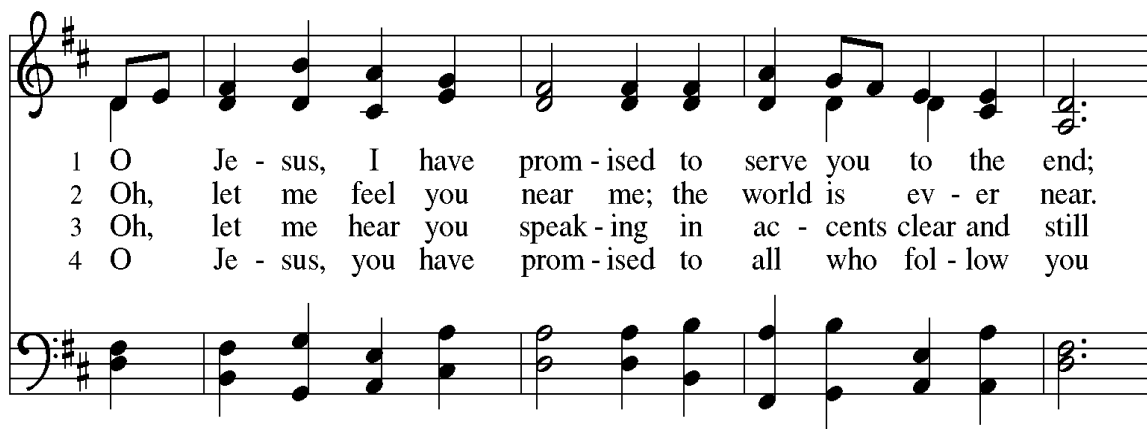
## DISMISSAL

Go and serve others with the love of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING HYMN

O Jesus, I have Promised

ELW #



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## Weekly Household Devotions

## Time After Pentecost

Year B - Lectionary 21

Sunday, August 21-27



How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalm 119:103

Looking Back . . .

<b>Sunday</b>	John 6:56-69	The words of eternal life
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 119:97-104	The light of God's word
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nehemiah 9:1-15	National confession
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ephesians 5:21-6:9	The Christian household

Looking Ahead . . .

<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 15	Who shall abide in God's sanctuary?
<b>Friday</b>	Exodus 32:1-35	The golden calf
<b>Saturday</b>	James 1:1-18	Faith & Wisdom, Poverty & Riches, Trail & Temptation
<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 7:1-23	The tradition of the Elders



## Pentecost: How We Feed Each Other

We think about how we feed each other with food that not only sustains us, but makes us healthy and strong. Take time to learn about how we can change our habits to make our bodies more healthy and help others around the world have access to healthy food and clean water.

This Week

Find a food bank, pantry or soup kitchen that welcomes volunteers of all ages. You can collect needed healthy food for those in need, help stock shelves or other needed work in the facility or serve meals to those who do not have a home.

## Faith on the Go



Jesus, the Holy One of God, you have the words of eternal life. You fill us with good things to nourish our bodies, our minds and our spirits. We thank you for your abundant love and blessings in our lives. We pray for all who are oppressed, ostracized and on the margins. May we live our lives to serve our brothers and sisters so that we may be one people of God. Amen.



What was difficult today? What was life-giving today? Where did you see God at work in the world today?



John 6:56-69 - The words of eternal life

### Day 1

John 6:56-59

The reading notes that Jesus was saying these things at a synagogue. Why do you think that is important? What do you think it meant for the people listening?

### Day 2

John 6:60-62

What do you think was offensive to the disciples? Do you think that these teachings are easier for us because of what we know about Jesus?



### Day 3

John 6:63

Jesus talks openly about the spirit giving life. What gives you life today?

### Day 4

John 6:64-65

Has there been a time in your life when it was difficult to believe the Gospel? What helped you believe?

### Day 5

John 6:66-69

Where do you turn for comfort? For wisdom? For understanding? How central is your faith to your own well-being?



***Jesus said, I am the bread of life. You will never be hungry or thirsty in my love.***

## Events This Week - August 22 - 29, 2021

### Sunday 8/22 Pentecost 13

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service  
Holy Communion

### Monday 8/23

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

### Tuesday 8/24

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

### Wednesday 8/25

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

### Thursday 8/26

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

### Friday 8/27

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

### Saturday 8/28

10:00 am—Baptisms

Austin Evan Moncrieffe and  
Torres child

### Sunday 8/29 Pentecost 14

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service  
Holy Communion

**2021 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Available for weekly dedications are Candles, Sanctuary Flowers, Bulletins, Wine & Anthems. Please sign your name next to the date and item on the chart you wish to have dedicated in the bulletin. For your convenience, flower /dedication envelopes are now available in the Narthex/Lobby. Please be sure to write your name on the date requested on the flower chart located in the Office Wing outside the Church Office.

**Be sure to fill out the payment envelope with all the information for the bulletin, a week before (or sooner) your desired date, place it in the Offering plate or bring to the church office.** Thank you, Diana

## Dedications

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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Given by Mary Goodman