

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 30, 2023—9:45am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

“Forever” arr. by Carol Tornquist

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✙ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✙ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Great Is the Lord”

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.

**Refrain:** Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.  
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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**+ Greeting**

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading** Genesis 29:15-28

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b** ELW #105

**+ Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.151

**+ Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon** The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day** "Shout to the North"

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete.

**Refrain:** (We will) Shout to the north and the south; sing  
to the east and the west. Jesus is Savior to all,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth; stand and sing to broken hearts. Who can know  
the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love?

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,  
We've been refined by the pow're of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You; You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up, church, with broken wings; fill this place with songs again, of our  
God who reigns on high. By His grace, again we'll fly.

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**+ Apostles' Creed** ELW p.105

**+ Prayers of Intercession** Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offering**

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer** (sins)

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

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**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

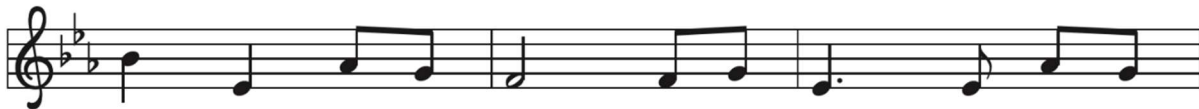
*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

## Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



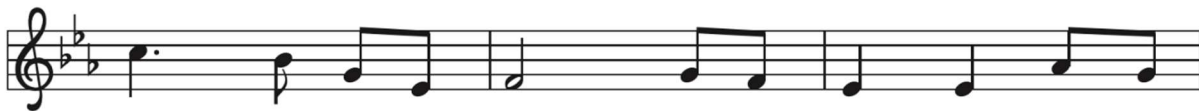
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

Hymn Lotto

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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