# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2022—8:30am



# **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.

# **Praise & Worship**

"Trading My Sorrows"

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame, I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord. I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain, I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, yes, Lord, amen.

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed; I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure, that His joy's gonna be my strength. Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

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"Reckless Love"

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.

(And,) O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away. O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Yeah.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me., You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up, coming after me. There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

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"Amazing Love"

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.

I'm accepted; You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You. Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You. In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

Billy J. Foote

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### + Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** 

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ± Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.** 

### + Gathering Song

"We Fall Down"

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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# + Prayer of the Day

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O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### +Word+

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

First Reading Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Second Reading**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you. ⁴So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ³Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

### + Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" ELW #531



### + Apostles' Creed

ELW p.105

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,

ne ascendea mo neaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

\* universal

### + Prayers of Intercession

"Cares Chorus"

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Refrain:

I cast all my cares upon you; I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

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For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs.

### Refrain

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (pause for names).

For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.** 

#### Refrain

#### + Peace

#### +Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### Offering

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https://tithe.ly/give\_new/www/#/tithely/giveone-time/475611.

Checks can be also be sent to church: 521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325



### + Offering Prayer

Please stand as you are able. Let us pray.

### A brief silence is kept.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.** 

### + Great Thanksgiving

ELW p.107

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.

# + Thanksgiving at the Table

### + Lord's Prayer

ELW p.112

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

#### + Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

### **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.

### **Communion Song**

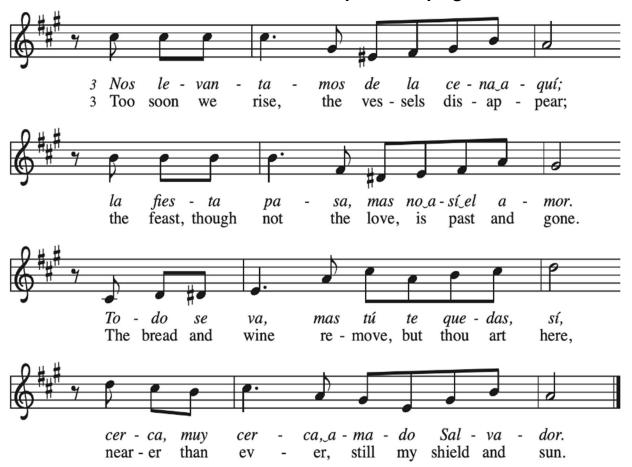
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### + Sending +

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

### **Blessing**

The God of peace, Father,  $\pm$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.** 

#### **Announcements**

+ Sending Song

Hymn Lotto

#### + Dismissal

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

### **Postlude**

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