Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023—9:45am



Grace Lutheran Church

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Pastor—The Rev. Leslie D. Weber (she/her/hers)
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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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Albert Mendoza

+ 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

"Beautiful Things"

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found Could a garden come up from this ground at all

Refrain: You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make me new, You are making me new

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+ Greeting ELW p.147

+ Prayer of the Day ELW p.44

+Word+

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

First Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b ELW #105

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW p.151

+ Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

"I Was Sinking Deep in Sin (Love Lifted Me)" TFF#188

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; but the master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help, love lifted me.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help, love lifted me.

All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling, in his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing; love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs; faithful loving service, too, to him belongs. **Refrain**

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; he will lift you by his love out of the angry waves; he's the master of the sea billows his will obey; he your Savior true will be: be saved today. **Refrain**

James Rowe, 1865-1933

+ 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 ELW p.152

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus ELW p.153

+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sins) ELW p.154

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei ELW p.154

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.

Distribution Song ACS #966

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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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