

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 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 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" *arr. by Kevin Uppercue*

+ 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 ELW# 632

+ Greeting ELW p.147

+ Prayer of the Day ELW p.45

+Word+

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

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133 ELW #649

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW p.151

+ Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28

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

+ Song of the Day

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's “all as it should be”, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”

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My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”

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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

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

Electronic donations can be made at

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611.



+ 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

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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.

Distribution Song

ELW #493

+ 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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