

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 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.*

**Prelude**

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
forever God is with us, forever, forever,

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.  
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

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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**

Amos 8:4-7

**Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

ELW #172

**+ Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:1-13

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“All That We Have”

**Refrain:** All that we have and all that we offer comes from a heart both frightened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need; All done in His name.

Some would rely on their power; Others put trust in their gold; Some have only their Savior, whose faithfulness never grows old.

**Refrain**

Sometimes the road may be lonesome; Often we may lose our way. Take courage and always remember love isn't just for a day.

**Refrain**

Sometimes when troubles are many, life can seem empty, it's true, but look at the life of the Master, who lovingly suffered for you.

**Refrain**

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**Holy Baptism**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” ELW #751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

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**+ 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/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611).*

*Checks can be also be sent to church:  
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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+Thanksgiving at the Table**

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

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**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**

ELW #483

**+Sending+**

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

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

## + Sending Song

"Beauty for Brokenness"

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair. Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace. Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills. Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share. Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green, Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams, plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams. Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed. Make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until your justice burns brightly again. Until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation, and bring you their praise.

Graham Kendrick

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## + Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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