

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 24, 2023—10am**



**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**

“Give Thanks, Thank We All Our God” arr. by Joel Raney

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Breathe”

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread, Your very word spoken to me

**Refrain:** And I, I’m desperate for you,  
And I, I’m lost without you

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe

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**+ Greeting** ELW p.147

**+ Prayer of the Day** ELW p.48

**+Word+**

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

**First Reading** Exodus 16:2-15

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45** ELW #105

**+ Gospel Acclamation** ELW p.151

**+ Gospel Reading** Matthew 20:1-16

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

**+ Song of the Day** "Lord, My Strength"

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wandering heart.  
Be my eyes, be my ears, be the only voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,  
Help me walk within your light.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you alone;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safely home;  
Ev'ry step that I make, be the road I will take;  
Be the thoughts that I keep, and in ev'ry word I speak.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wandering heart.  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you alone;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safely home.

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

**+ Prayers of Intercession** Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**+ 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**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer**

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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.*

**Distribution Song**

ELW #483

**+ Sending +**

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

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“God Will Make a Way”

**Refrain:**

God will make a way, where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day;  
He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness,  
He'll lead me, and rivers in the desert will I see  
Heaven and earth will fade,  
But His Word will still remain  
He will do something new today

Don Moen

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**+ Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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