

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 11, 2024—9am**



**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**

"You Raise Me Up" arr. Melody Bober

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

ELW #773

**+ Greeting**

ELW p.184

**+ Prayer of the Day**

ELW p.44

**+Word+**

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

**First Reading**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

**Psalm 130**

ELW #600

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

ELW #172

**+ Gospel Reading**

John 6:35, 41-51

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. John Connolly

**+ Song of the Day**

ACS #1054 "God Weeps with us Who Weep and Mourn"

God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's tears flow down with ours,  
and God's own heart is bruised and worn from all the heavy hours  
of watching while the soul's bright fire burned lower day by day,  
and pulse and breath and love's desire dimmed down to ash and clay.

Through tears and sorrow, God, we share a sense of your vast grief:  
the weight of bearing ev'ry prayer for healing and relief,  
the burden of our questions why, the doubts that they engage,  
and as our friends and loved one die, our hopelessness and rage.

And yet because, like us, you weep, we trust you will receive  
and in your tender heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,  
while with your tears our hearts will taste the deep, dear core of things  
from which both life and death are graced by love's renewing springs.

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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**

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

*Electronic donations can be made at*

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

ELW p.190

**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

ELW p.190

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table (VI)**

ELW p.66

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

ELW p.191

**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

**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

**+ Table Blessing**

**+ Prayer after Communion**

**+ Sending +**

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

**+ Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

ACS #1021 "O God, to You I Cry in Pain"

O God, to you I cry in pain when sickness makes me weak,  
when mind and body out of tune bring fears I cannot speak.

Give me the strength to face my ill, to trust in skill and care,  
to bless the hands that help me heal and find your spirit there.

Within the comfort and the love that human touch can give,  
restore in me a larger sense of what it is to live.

Allow my mind to rest in you, and let your peace pervade  
to hold me in your greater pow'r and not to be afraid.

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**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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