

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ



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after Pentecost

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The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. We are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

## **Prelude: Your Love Never Fails**

**Chris McClarney**

### **Affirmation of Mission Statement and Welcome**

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

**C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.  
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.  
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

## Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

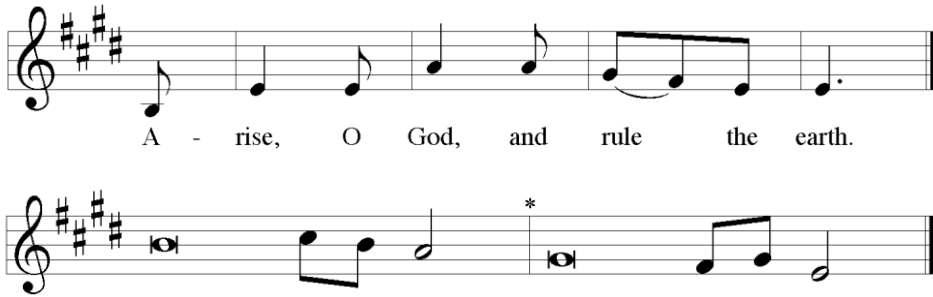
### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 82



<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you | judge unjustly,  
and show favor | to the wicked?”**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak | and the orphan;  
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak | and the poor;  
deliver them from the power | of the wicked. R**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness;  
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,  
and fall like | any prince.’”

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations | for your own. R**

## Psalm prayer

### Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith

conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

### **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Mary Konopka**



1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
 2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood  
 3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;  
 4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
 a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.  
 were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,  
 and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,  
 With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.  
 I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,  
 The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;



what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?  
 The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.  
 but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.  
 the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

**PRAYERS**

To the petition "Merciful God" please respond, "Receive our prayer."

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven.....**



## GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.**

## OFFERING

*We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries.*

*Offerings may be placed in the plates at the sanctuary entrances. You may choose various forms of safe and easy electronic giving. Ask us for help getting signed up.*

**Music at the Offering: All I Really Want**

**Lincoln Brewster**

*Harold Schaefer and Lou Marucci, guitars*

Verse 1

Lord I love the way You love me  
And how You move me deep within  
Lord I love the way You hold me  
And draw me into You woh

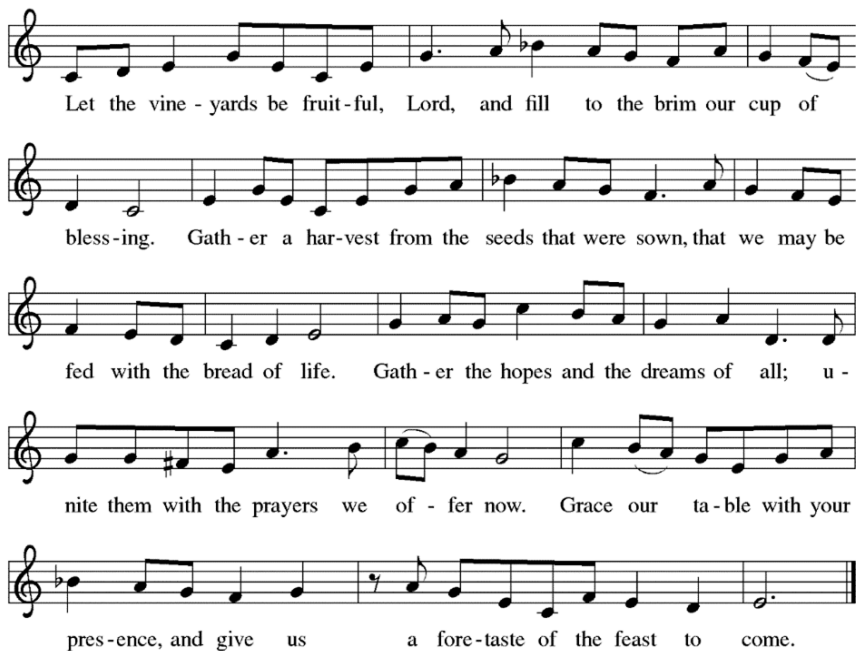
Verse 2

Lord I love the way You bless me  
And how You look into my heart  
Lord I love the way You lead me  
Right into Your arms woh

Chorus

God I praise Thee You amaze me  
Take my life and let Your light shine through  
Jesus Savior Friend of sinners  
Fill me up 'cause all I really want is more of You

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C. Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you again to Rev. Mary Konopka for leading worship while Pastor Raabe is on vacation.*

**A congregational meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, August 28 to discuss allocation of the proceeds from the sale of 22 N. Main and the payroll tax credit funds received earlier this year. Please plan to attend!**

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Isaiah 58:9b-14

*Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry*

### Psalm 103:1-8

*The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.*

### Hebrews 12:18-29

*You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus*

### Luke 13:10-17

*Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned*

## Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Mary Konopka

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: Richard Badman

Ushers: Peggy Schmidt & Crystal Tula

Acolyte: Cristiano Tula

Coffee Hour: Don Capanear

Council Offering & Lockup: Jeff Krout

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