



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ

**May 26, 2024 + The Holy Trinity**  
**9:15 a.m.**

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

*Bulletin cover: The Trinity, by Andrei Rublev (early 15<sup>th</sup> century)*

*Welcome to trumpeter Will Shaffer, who is joining us today.*

**Prelude: Hymn sing, “Shout Out” hymns from ELW hymnal**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

GREETING

P. 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 3 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!  
*Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*



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Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this

faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:



“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**



<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**

**5The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;**

**6the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

**7The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**

**8The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

**9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”**

**10The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**11O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R**

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*The procession moves to the center of the assembly. All face the cross and sing:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*verse: leader* Lord, to whom shall we go? *Repeat alleluia* You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### Gospel: John 3:1-17

P. The Holy Gospel, according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**



*Please be seated.*

**Sermon: Heresies and Heroes**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

**HYMN of the DAY: My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**ELW 759**

**PRAYERS**

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



**GREETING OF THE PEACE**

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**

*You may use this QR code to give using your credit card, or you may place your offerings in the plates by the sanctuary entrances. We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Forms for electronic giving are in the narthex or ask us for help. You may also text a gift to Grace at **844-613-0815**.*



**Music at the Offering: "Shout Out" hymn from ELW**

*Please stand.*

## 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

A. Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

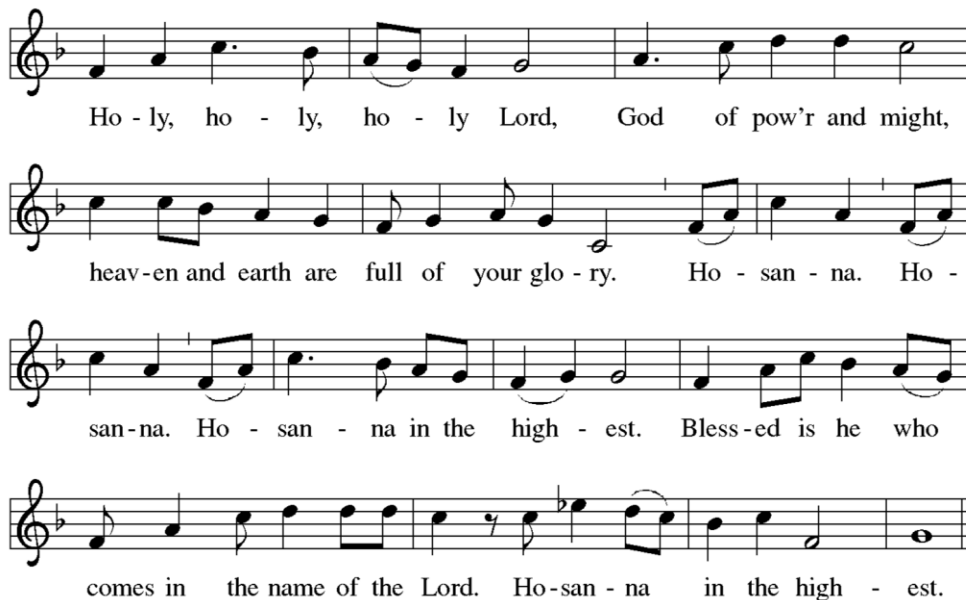
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

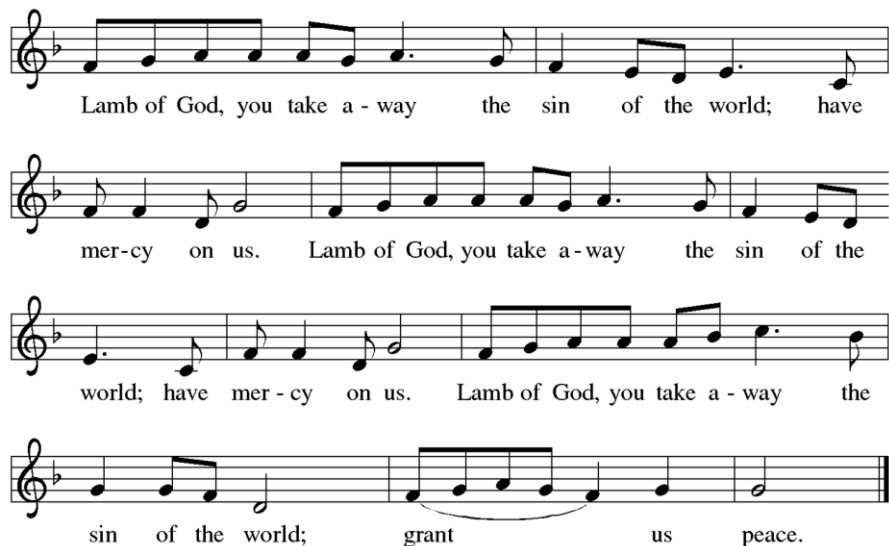
### Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN: Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

### TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

*The Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.*

P. God of our salvation, your faithfulness extends to us from generation to generation. Bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who cannot be with us today. Nourish and strengthen those who receive this holy communion, that they may also know the joy of feasting at your table, a foretaste of the feast to come with all your saints, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that our sisters and brothers may also share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**C. We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: "Shout Out" hymn from ELW**

## **DISMISSAL**

P. Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude: To God be the Glory     Fanny Crosby and William H. Doane (1875)**  
*(organ and trumpet)*

## **Serving today – Thank You!!**

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Trumpeter: Will Shaffer

Lector: Karen Seiler

Ushers: Karen Seiler and Dave Kunkel

Communion Asst: Ken Seiler

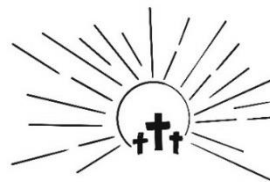
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Coffee Hour: Kay Stone

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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!** A warm welcome to all visitors. Please join us again in person or online; find the link to the livestream of our 10:30 am service each week on our website or at [www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield](http://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranHatfield)

### Upcoming Events:

- **Gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, treats and the first of our fourth Sunday forums.**
- **Join us today at 4 p.m. for the first of our fourth Sunday healing services.**



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