



Grace Lutheran Church
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The Holy Trinity
June 15, 2025 9:15 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Ringing Voluntary

by Handbell Choir

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 413

Call to Worship

P: God, how majestic is your name! You create, and through creation, we encounter your wisdom and power.

C: How majestic is the name of God, our Creator!

P: You redeem, and through Jesus Christ, we encounter your saving love and grace.

C: How majestic is the name of God, our Redeemer!

P: You sustain us, and through your Spirit, we encounter your renewing presence.

C: How majestic is the name of God, our Sustainer!

P: Come, let us worship the Triune God!

C: We gather to worship God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three

Hymn of Praise: How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your
name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, how ma -
jes - tic is your name in all the earth! O
Lord, we praise your name. O Lord,
we mag - ni - fy your name, Prince of Peace, might - y
God, O Lord God Al - might - y.

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.**

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.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.



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

Psalm 8



Psalm 8:2

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¹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of**
in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and
avenger. R

³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**
human beings that you should | care for them? R

⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**
you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷ all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹ O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

Children's Message

Annette Dittman

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 16th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

Please be seated

Sermon: Does Not Disappoint

Pastor Littleton

HYMN of the DAY: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

To the petition “God of grace,” please respond: “Hear our prayer.”



GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.

Music at the Offering: Bless the Lord, O My Soul by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
(1840 – 1893)

OFFERTORY

ELW Setting 3

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. Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
You reveal your glory
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the world, have

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins_ of the world, grant_ us___ peace, grant_ us___ peace.

Communion Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 762

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW 883

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jubilate

**by Fela Sowande MBE
(1905 – 1987)**

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Dr. Littleton

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: Walter Family

Ushers: Walter Family

Communion Assistant: Dave Kunkel

Altar Guild: Sue Wieland

Acolyte: Usher

Altar Flower Prep: TBD

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Please Note: Communion Change

We have begun continuous communion with one station at the center of the chancel; Pastor Littleton will give the bread. This change is being made because of Pastor's mobility limitations. If folks want to spend a moment or two in private prayer at the chancel step, they are encouraged to do so. Pastor Littleton is happy to discuss this change with you.



Grace will be partnering with other area churches for Vacation Bible School this year. Join us on July 28-31 for a "Road Trip - On the go with God" at Little Zion Church in Franconia. Volunteers are needed and if you can't be there in person there are other ways you can help; check the display in the narthex for supplies needed. Check registration details by following the link: <https://bit.ly/Roadtrip2025>

PASTORAL CARE: For urgent prayer needs, illnesses or hospitalizations, convey these to Pastor Dee Littleton by email or text at drdee3@gmail.com or 610-213-9725.



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