



Grace Lutheran Church  
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 2025 9:15 a.m.

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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude: Siciliano from Sonata II for flute, BWV 1031**

by J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*Wendy Walter, flute*

## 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.**



## Call to Worship:

P: Let us lift up the name of our God!

**C: Let us praise the faithfulness of the Lord!**

P: For just as the Lord's greatness fills the heavens,

**C: The Lord's love embraces the earth,**

P: Preserving our life in the midst of trouble.

**C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!**

## Hymn of Praise: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith  
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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## 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 and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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



## Psalm 138 (read)

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of  
your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall  
save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of  
your hands.**

“All God’s Children’s Time”

Annette

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sing twice before & once after Gospel reading)**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon: Lord, Teach Us to Pray**

**Pastor Littleton**

**HYMN of the DAY: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**ELW 742**

## **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: Larghetto from Sonata in F major                      HWV 369  
by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)**

*Wendy Walter, flute*



## 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. Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

*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: Seek Ye First

\*1.



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,  
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and seek, his and right - eous - ness,  
but you shall find,  
there am I ev - 'ry word  
in their midst;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;  
that comes forth from the mouth of God;  
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

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

*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.

Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

**ELW 864**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: “Jesu, Joy” from Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV 147/6  
by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

## **Serving today – Thank You!!**

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Dr. Littleton

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Flutist: Wendy Walter

Lector: Jean Shaffer

Ushers: The Slugg Family

Communion Assistant: Frank Stone

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