

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pre-Service Music

Stand

Entrance Hymn: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

✙ Confession and Absolution ✙

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

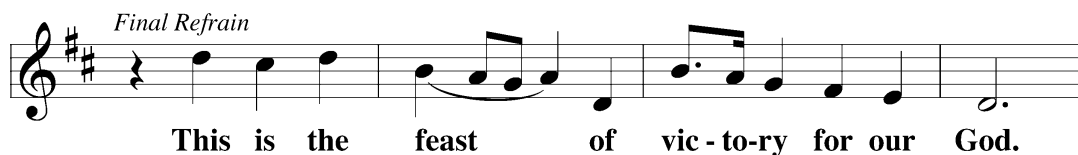
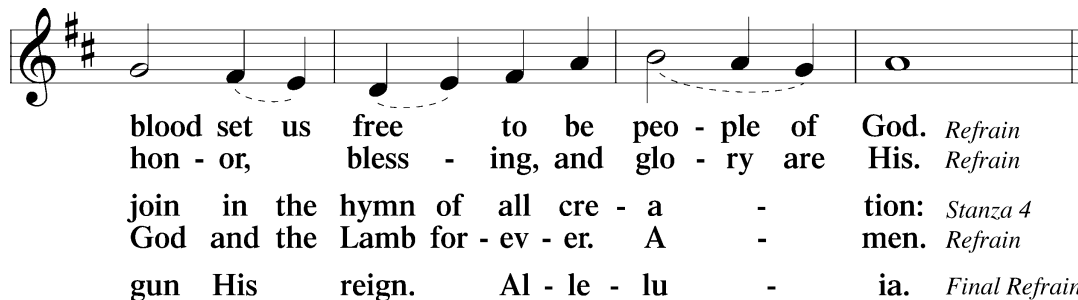
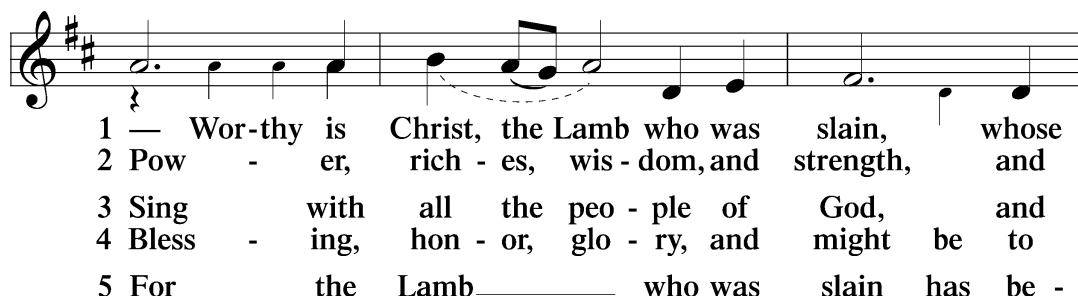
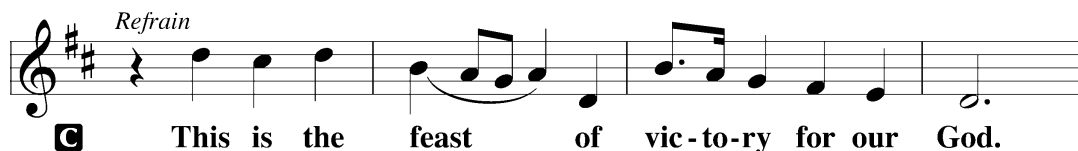
The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

☩ Service of the Word ☩

Kyrie

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here am I, here am I,"
to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat pig's flesh,
and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:
"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains
and insulted me on the hills,
I will measure into their bosom
payment for their former deeds.”

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,’
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Galatians 3:23–28

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

Sermon

Offering

✠ Commissioning of Lay Deacon ✠

Tadesse Alemayehu

P Beloved in the Lord, according to the Church's usual order, Tadesse Alemayehu has been prepared for the office of Lay Deacon for service at Grace Lutheran Church. This office has been established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist the faithful in their God-given vocations. Tadesse has been prepared for this office by prayer and study. He has been examined and declared ready to undertake this sacred responsibility and public trust. I now ask you in the presence of God, and before His people: Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

A *I do.*

P Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

A *I do.*

P Do you confess the Lutheran Confessions, as contained in the Book of Concord, to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

A *I do.*

P Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God's people in your office in accordance with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

A *Yes, with the help of God.*

P Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

A *Yes, with the help of God.*

P Members of Grace Lutheran Church, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of Tadesse Alemayehu, who has been trained for the office of Lay Deacon in the Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive him, show him fitting love and honor, and support him by your fervent prayer?

C **We will, with the help of God.**

P Are you ready and willing to assume the office and work of a Lay Deacon?

A *I am.*

P Tadesse Alemayehu, I commission you to the office of Lay Deacon and install you at Grace Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Proclamation & Announcements

Blessing

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

A Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A Lord, You keep in perfect peace those who trust in You. Grant Your perfect peace in the world, in the Church, in the home, and in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord, You preserve Your Church through the ages, giving prophets and leaders who point the faithful to Your Word. Guide our congregation, and preserve the faithful witness of churches everywhere to the truth of God's Word, and enable the proclamation of the Gospel to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord, You are a shield around us, our glory, and the lifter of our heads. Draw near to our homes, and keep them safe from discord and every evil intention. Give faithfulness to husbands and wives, love and respect between parents and children, and allow our homes to be havens from fear and doubt. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord, You are the Great Physician. According to Your good and perfect will, grant healing to the sick and those who suffer. Give comfort to the grieving in their loss, and peace for the dying in their last days on earth. Today we pray especially for Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Into your hands, God Almighty, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

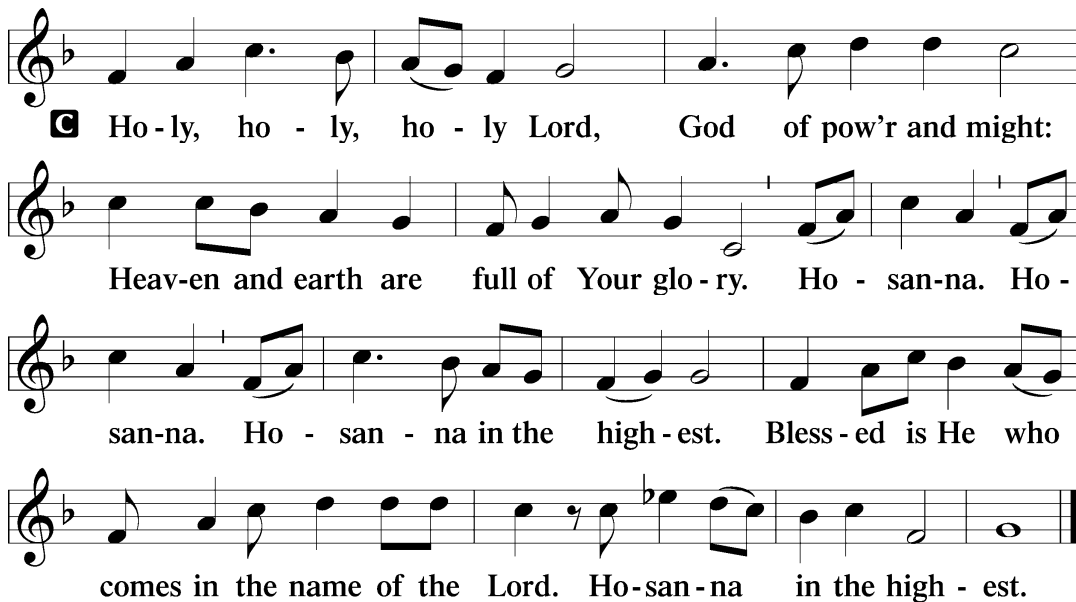
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Proper Preface

P Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for the sacrifice of your Son and the forgiveness of sins, for fellowship with the Holy Spirit, for the fullness of the kingdom, and for boldness of faith. With all the company of heaven, we glorify your name as we sing:

Sanctus



C 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 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.

Sit

Distribution of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN

We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray. If you would prefer a gluten free host, please indicate to the Pastor.

Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



The musical score for 'Nunc Dimittis' is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

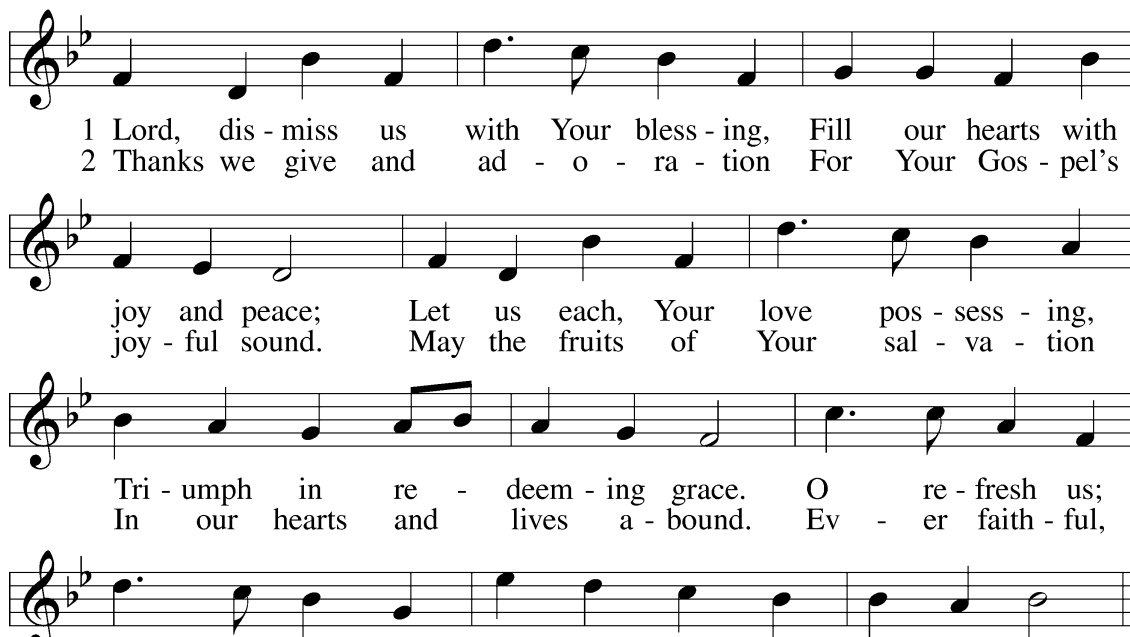
Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.



Hymn to Depart: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924 sts. 1–2



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.

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Closing Response

- A** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

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