

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – (ELW p. 94)

Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

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.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: 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.

A: Amen. Assembly sits.

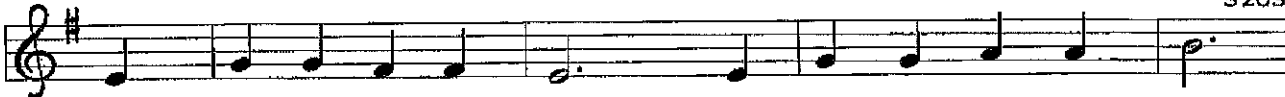
GREETING – (ELW p. 203)

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

A: And also with you.

KYRIE – (ELW p. 203)

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1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



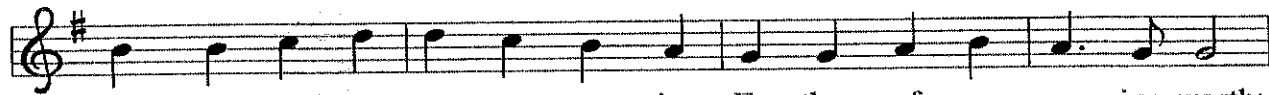
We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.
Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE – (ELW p. 204a)

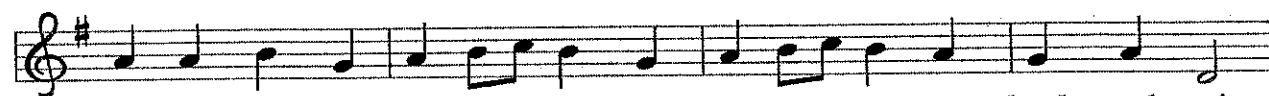
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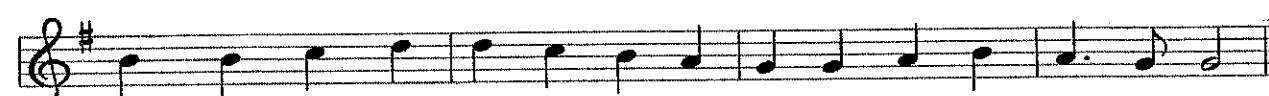
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see handout.

FIRST READING –Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Please see handout and read responsively

SECOND READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW p. 205a)

S205a



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

P: The holy gospel according to

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

NICENE CREED – (ELW p. 104)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and**

**the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – (ELW p.206)

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE – (ELW p. 206) *Please stand in body or spirit*

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" hymn - ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW p. 206 & 207)

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

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

A: it is right to give our thanks and praise.

S207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER – (ELW p. 208)

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.

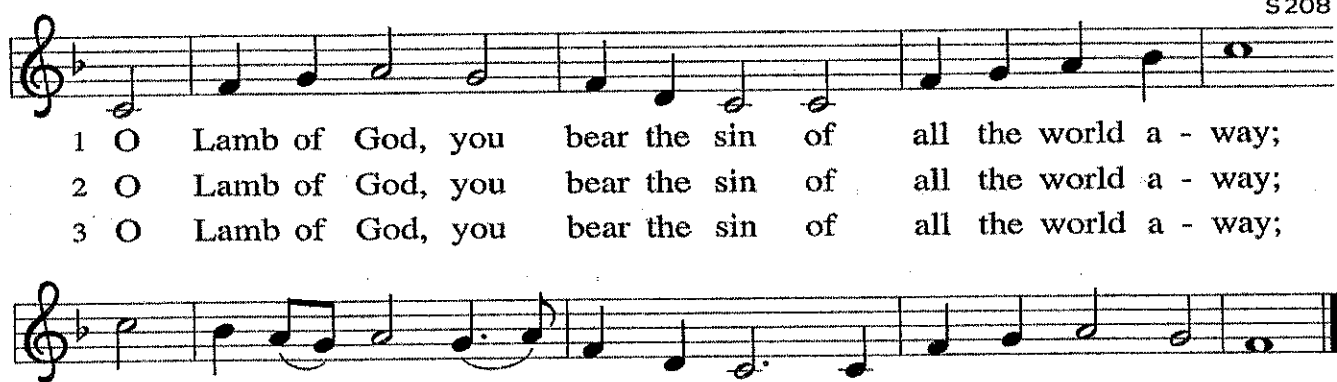
LAMB OF GOD – (ELW p. 208)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING – (ELW p. 113)

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry
people:
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

BLESSING – (ELW p. 209)

Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL – (ELW p. 209)

Response after the dismissal:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

*Please join us for
fellowship in the basement
following worship ☺*

SENDING SONG

Postlude

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.
You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com*

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Song— ELW # 597 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
Hymn of the Day — ELW # 855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Sending Song — ELW # 759 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

We pray always for . . .

*Louis & Grace Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Mike Carman, Linda Daniels, Julie Effken,
Elaine Hauberg, Kathi Johnson & Diane Roesener*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Juliana, Hassan, Jackline & Charles, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

Announcements

TODAY 8/23/26 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship w/Communion @ Grace — **9:30 a.m.**

Service to be led by Pastor Jim Helgren

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

NEXT SUNDAY 8/30/26 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at Hope — **9:30 a.m.**

Service to be led by Erin Ebeler

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

*For bulletin or newsletter information please contact Diane Wilken @402-297-3863 or
email the church office grace68329@gmail.com*

Pastor Kate Woolf will be available for the month of August in case of emergencies.
Her cell phone # is 316-371-0803

Faith, Grace & Hope Welcome Pastor Kate Woolf

with a Worship Service & Potluck Dinner



Sunday, September 13th

at Grace Lutheran

10:00 am Worship

with potluck to follow

Come worship with us as we welcome Pastor Kate Woolf, who will serve our three congregations as we begin this new ministry together. Following the service, please stay for fellowship and a potluck dinner as we celebrate this exciting new chapter for our church families. Bring a dish of your choice.

Everyone is welcome!

FAITH, GRACE, HOPE LUTHERAN CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2026

—PASTOR KATE WOOLF—

Pastor Kate's Phone #: (316)-371-0803

Date	Day	Faith's Church Time	Grace's Church Time	Hope's Church Time
September 2026				
September 6	Sunday	8:00 AM	NICK WEBER 10:00 AM	10:00 AM
September 13	Sunday	Joint Service between Faith, Grace & Hope: 10:00 AM @ Grace Followed by a Potluck to Welcome Pastor Kate Woolf		
September 20	Sunday	No Pastor Led Service	10:00 AM	8:00 AM
September 27	Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	No Pastor Led Service



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue
righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were
hewn

and to the quarry from which you
were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him
many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the
LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the
peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a
garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be
ended.

Psalm

Psalm 138; tone 9



I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods

I will ¹ sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy
temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love
and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name
and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength
within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth**
will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words
¹ of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

continued

⁶The LORD is high,
yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ¹ pose
for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love
endures forever;
do not abandon
the works ¹ of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment,

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has

not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.