# The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Setting: Global Voices in Christ

July 6, 2025 9:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church Wenatchee, WA



# Welcome to Grace!

The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.

We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers, and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown, and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.

You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.

As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.

Holy Communion: We celebrate the grace of God with Holy Communion each Sunday. All are welcome!

If you are worshipping with children: Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship! We have a few options, especially for our young worshipers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet toys are located just outside the back door of the sanctuary for young children and caregivers. Most Sundays we have nursery staff available to help watch the children in that space. You are also welcome to use the quiet area under the balcony, beside the stained-glass window.

**Our Mission Statement:** "To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."

Grace Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

## +++GATHERING+++

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

## **WELCOME AND KIDS' TALK**

PRELUDE

O God of Every Nation
To meditate on the text, see hymn #713.

Barbara Harbach

Please stand as you are able.

#### 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 ⅓ 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.

# ELW #819, Come, All You People Sing in harmony.



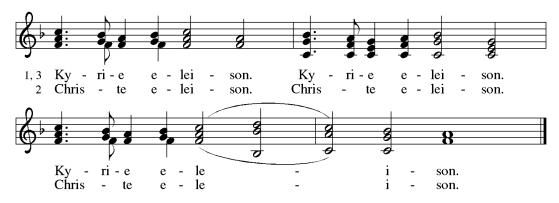
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## **GREETING**

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

# **KYRIE** (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

Music: Peruvian traditional



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

## +++WORD+++

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

A reading from Isaiah.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
 rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—
 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
 that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

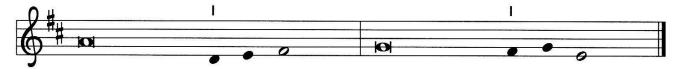
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM 66:1-9**

Sing responsively, beginning with the cantor.



- <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, <sup>|</sup> all you lands; be joyful, <sup>|</sup> all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing the glory | of God's name; sing the glory | of God's praise.
- <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome <sup>1</sup> are your deeds!

  Because of your great strength your enemies <sup>1</sup> cringe before you.
- <sup>4</sup> All the earth bows | down before you, sings to you, sings | out your name."
- <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God, how awesome are God's deeds <sup>1</sup> toward all people.
- <sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot, and there we re- | joiced in God.
- <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations; let no rebels ex- <sup>1</sup> alt themselves.
- 8 Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.
- Our God has kept us a- I mong the living and has not allowed our I feet to slip.

#### SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

A reading from Galatians.

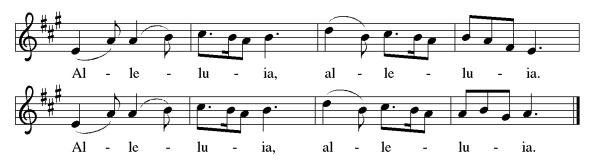
- <sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.
  - <sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]
- <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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## GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Please be seated.

## **SERMON**

Please stand as you are able.



ELW #575, In Christ Called to Baptize Harmonies may be found in ELW – the cranberry hymnal.



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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our Christian faith:

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,

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

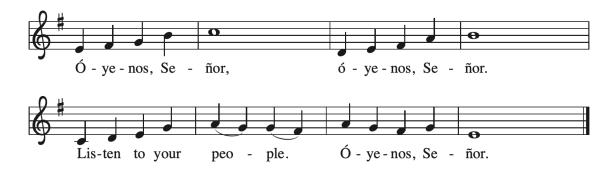
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

## After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,

(All sing: oh-yeh-nohs seh-nyohr)



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Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## +++MEAL+++

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

**OFFERING** 

**MUSICAL OFFERING** 

O God of Mercy Marshall Thomas, tenor Gerre Hancock, arr. Paul Bouman

For the text, see hymn #714, stanzas 1, 3 & 6.

Please stand as you are able.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.
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.

Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer ...

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

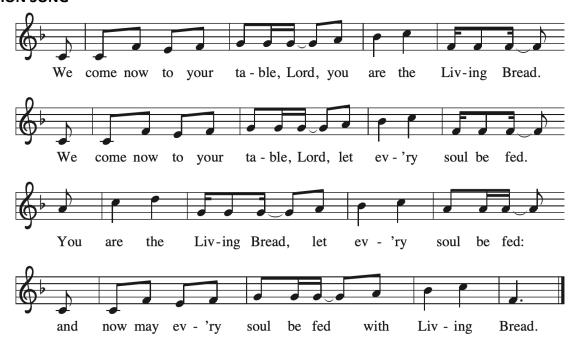
### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

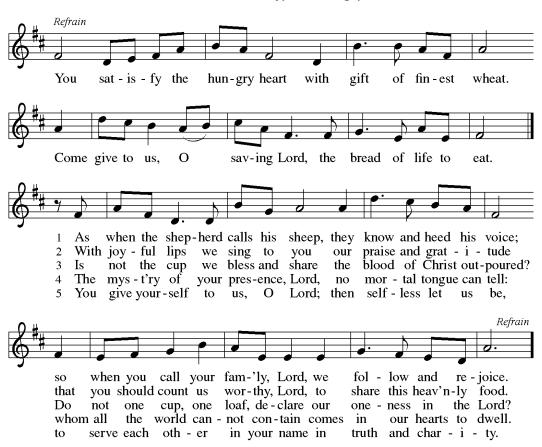
Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG**



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## ELW #484, You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



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Please stand as you are able.

## **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.

Please be seated.

### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

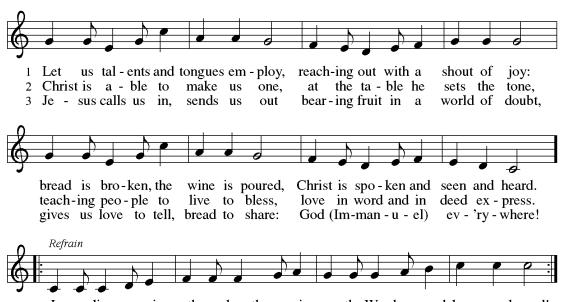
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### **BLESSING**

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 SONG**

ELW #674, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

John Behnke

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# **Serving in Today's Worship**

Presiding Minister: Rev. James Aalgaard

Assisting Minister: Kate Gregg Lector: Dee Ann Gregg

Organist's Assistant: Omar AbouAmmo, Olson Organ Scholar

Percussion: Sherry Krebs, Candy Koch

Tech: Erik Olson

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