

# The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Liturgical Setting: Global Voices in Christ*

July 27, 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

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

## +++ GATHERING +++

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

## WELCOME AND KIDS’ TALK

### PRELUDE

*Golden Breaks the Dawn*

Young/Wold/Thomerson

*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 ✠ 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 SONG

ELW #852, *Golden Breaks the Dawn*



*Qing zao qi - lai kan, hong ri chu tong - fang,*  
 1 Gold - en breaks the dawn, comes the east - ern sun;  
 2 Ho - ly, liv - ing God, keep me safe to - day;  
 3 Give me dai - ly bread, while I do my part;



*xiong - zhuang xiang yong - shi, mei - hao xiang xin - lang;*  
 like a rid - er strong, set the course to run.  
 though I wea - ry plod, make me kind, I pray.  
 bright skies o - ver - head, glad - ness in my heart.



*tian gao fei - niao guo, di kuo ye - hua xiang,*  
 Birds a - bove me fly, flow - ers bloom be - low;  
 Let me guide our youth, hon - or weak and old;  
 Sim - ple wants pro - vide, e - vil let me shun;



*zhao wo qin gong - zuo, Tian - fu you en - guang.*  
 through the earth and sky God's great mer - cies flow.  
 let me serve with truth, and God's love un - fold.  
 Je - sus at my side, till the day is done.

Text: Tzu-chen Chao; para. Frank W. Price, 1885-1974

Music: LE P'ING, Te-ngai Hu

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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.*)

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God*

Leader  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

All  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

Leader All  
To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader Leader  
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

All  
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader  
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

All  
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Music: Peruvian traditional

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **+++ WORD +++**

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

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

A reading from Genesis.

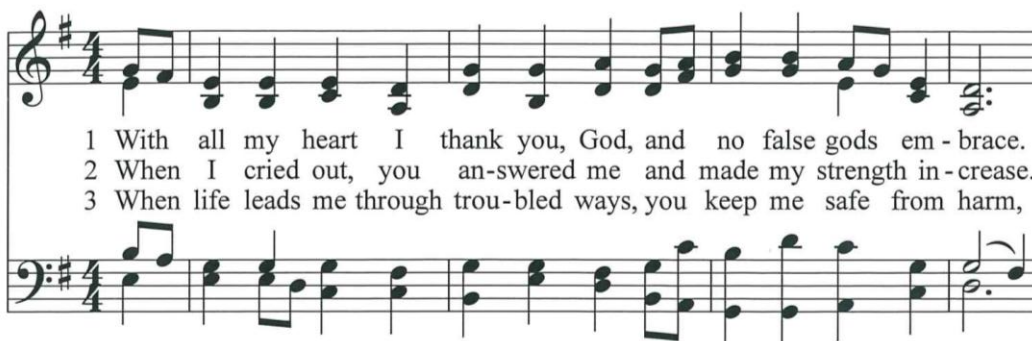
<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

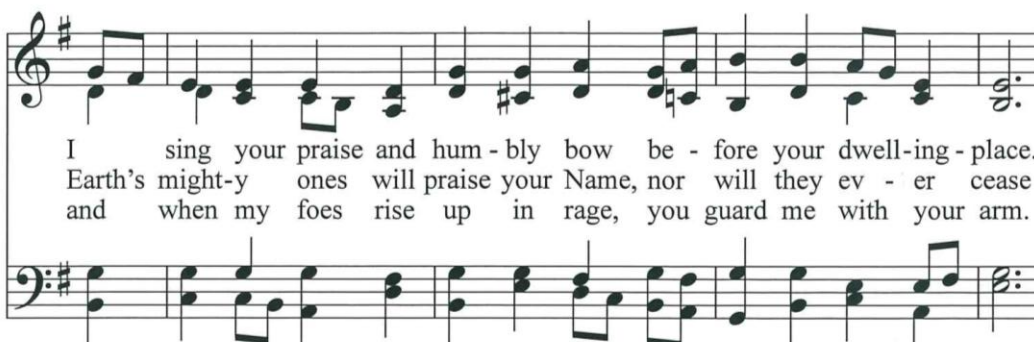
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

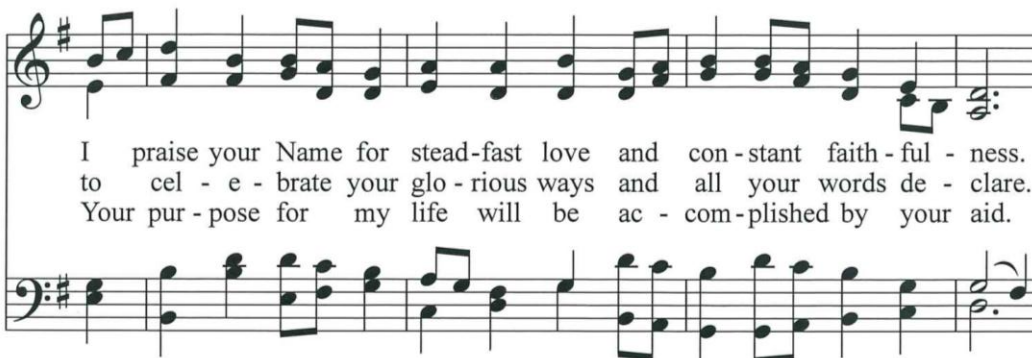
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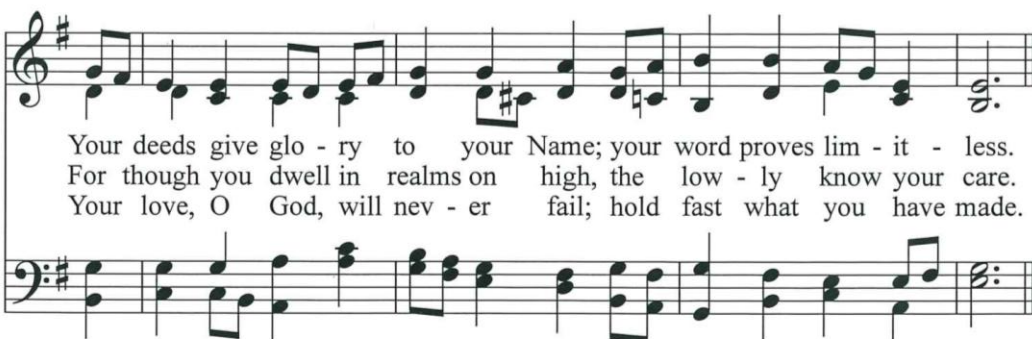
1 With all my heart I thank you, God, and no false gods embrace.  
 2 When I cried out, you answered me and made my strength increase.  
 3 When life leads me through troubled ways, you keep me safe from harm,



I sing your praise and humbly bow before your dwelling place.  
 Earth's mighty ones will praise your Name, nor will they ever cease  
 and when my foes rise up in rage, you guard me with your arm.



I praise your Name for steadfast love and constant faithfulness.  
 to celebrate your glorious ways and all your words declare.  
 Your purpose for my life will be accomplished by your aid.



Your deeds give glory to your Name; your word proves limitless.  
 For though you dwell in realms on high, the lowly know your care.  
 Your love, O God, will never fail; hold fast what you have made.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, alt.  
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KINGSFOLD  
 C.M.D.

## SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

A reading from Colossians.

<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.

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 11:1-13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**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!"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray*



1. Lord, teach us how to pray as once the  
 2. Lord, teach us how to pray when hearts are  
 3. Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis -  
 4. Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle  
 5. Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us



twelve you taught, for we can nev - er  
 dull and dead, or when we feel no  
 tract the mind. Help us to wait in  
 faith's bright flame, un - til our faith leaps  
 day by day that you wait ea - ger -



find the words to praise you as we ought.  
 thirst for you and faith, once firm, has fled.  
 qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.  
 up a - gain to speak and praise your name.  
 ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Music: Aaron Williams; harm. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872. P.D.

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

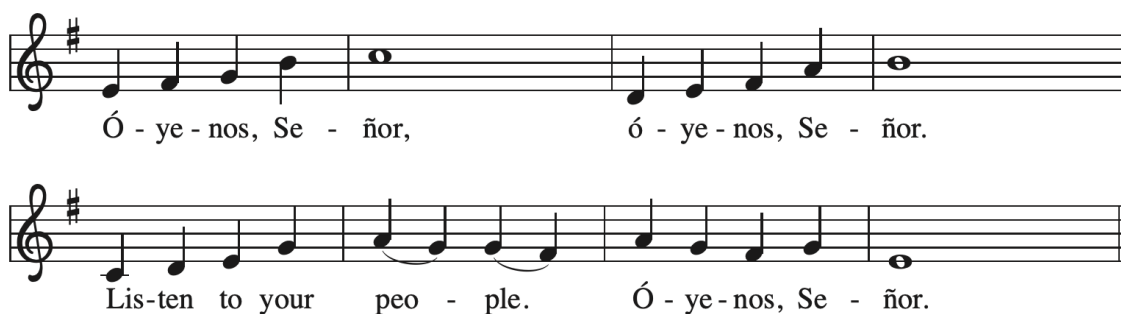
## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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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Music: ÓYENOS, Bob Hurd

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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

*Voluntary in g minor*

Omar AbouAmmo, Olson Organ Scholar

Georg Frideric Händel

*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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e-res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

## 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



## DISTRIBUTION SONG

### Seek Ye First



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 right - eous - ness,  
and you shall find,  
but by ev - 'ry word  
there am I 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.

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b.1948  
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## MUSICAL OFFERING

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Mark Sedio

*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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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 #741, *Your Will Be Done*

*Sing in harmony.*

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.  
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.  
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.  
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.  
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta - ndo ya - kho.  
Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Text: South African, based on the Lord's Prayer

Music: MAYENZIWE, South African traditional, as taught by Gobingca George Mxadana; transc. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*  
Omar AbouAmmo, Olson Organ Scholar

J. S. Bach

### Serving in Today's Worship

Presiding Minister:	Rev. James Aalgaard
Assisting Minister:	Kate Gregg
Acolytes:	Cara Henson, Josh Gale
Lector:	Suellen Harris
Altar Guild:	Denise Miller
Guitar:	Carlos Polivka
Percussion:	Candy Koch, Marlena La Paz
Recorder:	Mark Boersma
Tech:	Marlena La Paz

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