



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 2, 2024

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to worship!** We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. **We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, age, and family.

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, an opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

✠ When you see this symbol you're invited to stand as you are able.

We love to sing! When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

Children belong in worship! We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

Help love reach beyond these walls. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion (envelopes are on the cart in the Commons).



All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion. We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

Join us for fellowship time! All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Stay connected to what's happening at Grace: sign up for our weekly online newsletter, "The Scroll." Find the latest editions and the link to subscribe on our home page at gracenempls.org.

Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

✠ HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#556

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Announcing God's approaching reign, Jesus healed many of sickness and sorrow. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us name our need for renewal.



Holy God, draw near to us,
for today some of us are lost or lonely,
some of us feel frightened or frenzied,
some of us are wearied by the changes and chances of life.
Show us the tender compassion of Christ,
who struggled like us, and mourned with us,
and bore grief and pain for us.
Send your Spirit to make our gathering a safe shelter,
where we can be real and released from shame,
trusting that you already know us and love us completely.

Maker and mender of all,
hear the honest prayers of our hearts...

*Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.*

ASSURANCE AND PEACE

God calls us beloved from the first day until the last,
and in Jesus Christ has found us and freed us.
As disciples of Jesus, let us continue the work of healing
for the sake of the wounded world. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness

I de - pend up - on your faith - ful - ness.

I can jour - ney on, for you are al - ways there.

None com - pares with you, O bless - ed One;

O how great your faith - ful - ness.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Keep the Sabbath day and treat it as holy, exactly as the LORD your God commanded: Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Don't do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your oxen or donkeys or any of your animals, or the immigrant who is living among you—so that your male and female servants can rest just like you. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, but the LORD your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That's why the LORD your God commands you to keep the Sabbath day.

This is the word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL CHANT *Let us rise to bless Jesus, speaking to us in the Gospel!*



Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name, Jesus' name!



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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Blessed be the name, Jesus' name!



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✠ GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:1-12

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After a few days, Jesus went back to Capernaum, and people heard that he was at home. So many gathered that there was no longer space, not even near the door. Jesus was speaking the word to them. Some people arrived, and four of them were bringing to him a man who was paralyzed. They couldn't carry him through the crowd, so they tore off part of the roof above where Jesus was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven!"

Some legal experts were sitting there, muttering among themselves, "Why does he speak this way? He's insulting God. Only the one God can forgive sins."

Jesus immediately recognized what they were discussing, and he said to them, "Why do you fill your minds with these questions? Which is easier—to say to a paralyzed person,

Jesus raised him up, and right away he picked up his mat and walked out in front of everybody. They were all amazed and praised God, saying, “We’ve never seen anything like this!”

SERMON

Rev. Bob Lyndes served as a parish pastor for 19 years, and as Chaplain of Crest View Senior Communities in Columbia Heights for 18 years. He has been a member of Grace, and before that, of St. Paul's Lutheran. Recently retired, he hopes to travel to see his two sons and their partners, become more involved at Grace, and develop the fine art of doing nothing.

✠ HYMN

#612

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To the storm Jesus said, "Peace, be still!" For creation, the world, and all in distress, let us pray, "Hear us, O God," and call upon Jesus' peace, singing:



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Let us offer our lives to God. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion.





1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!

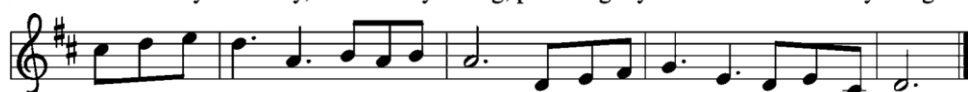


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

With the disciples, Jesus broke bread.

Blessing the Maker, these words he said:

“This is my body, given for you.

Eat and remember each time you do.” *Refrain*

Later he lifted a cup of wine:

“This is my promise of love divine.

Sins are forgiven, my life is in you.

Drink and remember each time you do.” *Refrain*

✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

Holy God, with creation we raise a song of praise
and with all the saints we bless your faithfulness....

*We give thanks for God's faithfulness, especially in Jesus Christ,
and pray for God's Spirit to bless this meal.*

Through your Son, in your Spirit,
with all your people, we give you thanks and praise,
holy and living God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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.**

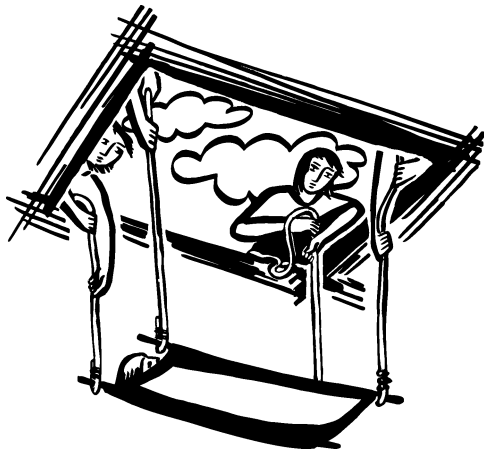
COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

Come to the joyful feast which Christ has prepared.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.

If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.



As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:

HYMN

This Is Christ's Body

ACS 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

HYMN

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

#464

HYMN

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

#684

✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.
As you have loved us, help us to love the world
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

✠ BENEDICTION

based on Isaiah 6

May the triune God—holy, holy, holy Lord,
whose glory fills the earth—bless you, transform you,
and send you with purpose and power. **Amen.**



Kwa - ke *Ye - su* *na - si - ma - ma,* *ndi - ye*
 Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



mwam - ba *ni* *sa - la - ma.* *Ndi - ye* *mwam - ba* *ni* *sa - la -*
 sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



ma, *ndi - ye* *mwam - ba* *ni* *sa - la -* *ma.*
 life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

✠ SENDING

Go in peace, born anew to share God's love with all.
We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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to love God,
serve neighbors, and
tell the story of Jesus Christ,
welcoming all.



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food shelf serving all people.

**Little Kitchen
FoodShelf** 

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