



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 9, 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.

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**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](http://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.**

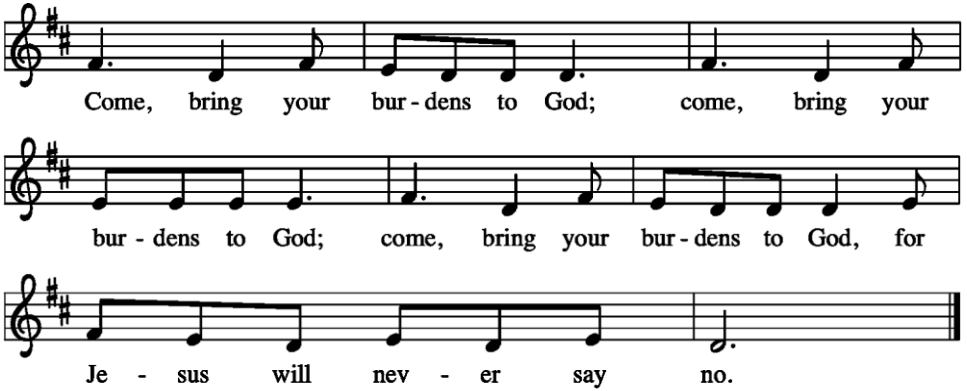
✠ HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*  
*verses 1, 2, & 4*

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# 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.*



Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your  
bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God, for  
Je-sus will nev-er say no.

**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

*Hosea 6:1-6*

“Come, let’s return to the LORD; for it is God who has injured us and will heal us; the LORD has struck us down, but will also bind us up. After two days God will revive us; on the third day God will raise us up, so that we may live in God’s presence. Let’s know—let’s press on to know—the Lord; whose appearing is as certain as the dawn; who will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that give drink to the earth.”

Ephraim, what will I do with you? Judah, what will I do with you? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that vanishes quickly. Therefore, I have attacked them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth,

and my judgment goes forth like a light. I desire faithful love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God instead of entirely burned offerings.

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 3:1-12*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, some Pharisees were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step up where people can see you." Then he said to the Pharisees, "Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they said nothing. Looking around at them with anger, deeply grieved at their unyielding hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he did, and his hand was made healthy. At that, the Pharisees got together with the supporters of Herod to plan how to destroy Jesus.

Jesus left with his disciples and went to the lake. A large crowd followed him because they had heard what he was doing. They were from Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the area surrounding Tyre and Sidon. Jesus told his disciples to get a small boat ready for him so the crowd wouldn't crush him. He had healed so many people that everyone who was sick pushed forward so that they could touch him. Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down at his feet and shouted, "You are God's Son!" But he strictly ordered them not to reveal who he was.

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Erik Nelson, guest preacher*

*Erik Nelson has called Grace home since 2019 and is under our congregation's care while in the ELCA candidacy process. In the fall he will start his third year at Luther Seminary, and over the summer he is learning about chaplaincy in Zumbrota. Erik would love for you to ask him about how his scientific background helps build up his faith.*

✠ HYMN

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

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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."

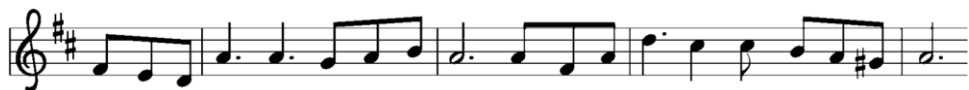


Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

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

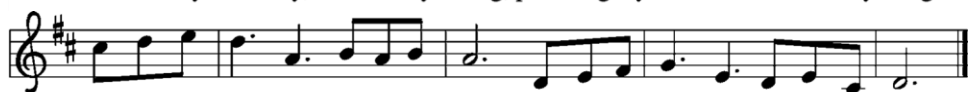


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his love.

*Refrain*



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



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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

*Thine the Amen*

#826

HYMN

*The Lord Is My Song*

#751

✠ 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.**

HYMN

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

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✠ SENDING

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

POSTLUDE



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