



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 13, 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.

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**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

*Bob Lyndes*

*J.S. Bach, Adagio from Concerto in D Minor after B. Marcello.*

*Thank you for sharing your gifts, Bob!*

## 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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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## ✠ KYRIE

*Trusting in God's grace, we cry out for divine compassion: Lord, have mercy.  
Transformed by grace, we join the song of angels around the throne.*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*All sing:*




For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.   
A - men.

## ✠ HYMN TO THE LAMB

*Rev. 5:6-14, 21:3-5*

*You are invited to sing the refrain while the choir sings the verses.*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - er - more!

*Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed  
and united us to be one great people of God. Refrain*

*Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory  
to Christ forever. Refrain*

*For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. Refrain*

## ✠ PEACE

May Christ's grace and peace flow through us to all God's children. 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



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



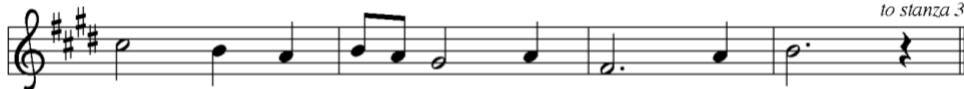
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re - *to stanza 3*



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

✠ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## OBJECT LESSON

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!*

## CHORAL OFFERING

*As we prepare to hear the Word, music opens our hearts to receive God's blessing.*

Seek the LORD: the One who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who summons the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth. This one's name is the LORD, who causes destruction to flash out against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress.

Truly, because you crush the weak, and because you tax their grain, you have built houses of carved stone, but you won't live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you won't drink their wine. I know how many are your crimes and how numerous are your sins—afflicting the righteous, taking money on the side, turning away the poor who seek help. Therefore, the one who is wise will keep silent in that time; it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of heavenly forces, will be with you just as you have said. Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the city gate. Perhaps the LORD God of heavenly forces will be gracious to what is left of Joseph.

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

✠ GOSPEL CHANT *Let us rise to greet the risen Savior in the Gospel*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. *Repeat*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: ‘Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Don’t cheat. Honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

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

# SERMON

## ✠ HYMN *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning*



1 Who will speak a word of warn - ing to a  
2 Who will speak a word of wis - dom to a  
3 Who will speak a word of wel - come to the



world whose wealth ex - pands, as the grow - ing  
world where truth gives way, as the claims of  
great - est and the least, call - ing those with



wealth is gath - ered in - to ev - er few - er hands?  
pow'r and priv' - lege shift and shape the truth each day?  
pow'r to ser - vice, call - ing all to share the feast?



Christ, you speak a word of warn - ing for the  
Christ, you speak a word of wis - dom for the  
Christ, you speak a word of wel - come for the



church to know and tell: greed is death and  
church to heed and share: truth is not the  
church to tell and live: all who hun - ger,



life is giv - ing; hands that give re - ceive as well.  
claims of pow - er! Truth is hurt and hope and prayer.  
come, be seat - ed; take what Christ is here to give.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*With the boldness of God's children, let us pray for the planet and all people, trusting the Spirit is working through us to answer our neighbors' prayers.*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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## ✠ COMMUNION: SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

To the Giver of every good and perfect gift,  
let us offer thanks through Jesus Christ.

With all creation, let us join heaven's song of unending praise:

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



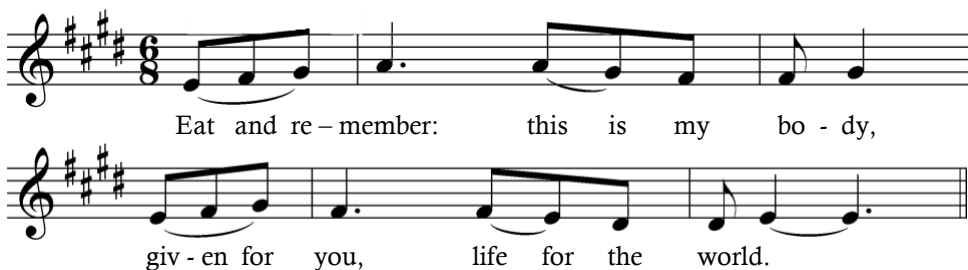
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!



You are indeed holy, O God, creator of heaven and earth...

*Echo each sung acclamation as you are invited.*

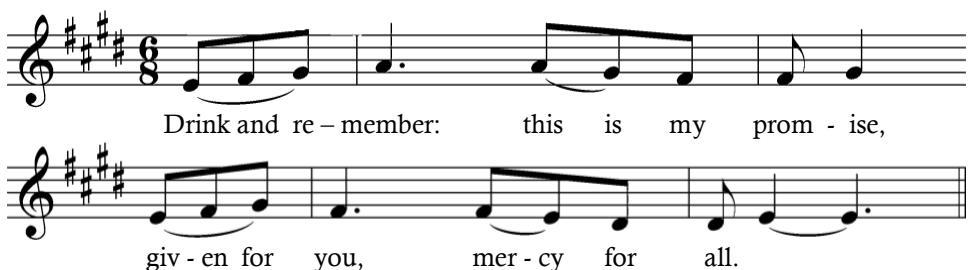
... Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it and shared it with his disciples, saying:



Eat and re - member: this is my bo - dy,  
giv - en for you, life for the world.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, and a quarter note followed by an eighth note, often beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

... Jesus took a cup, gave thanks to you,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:



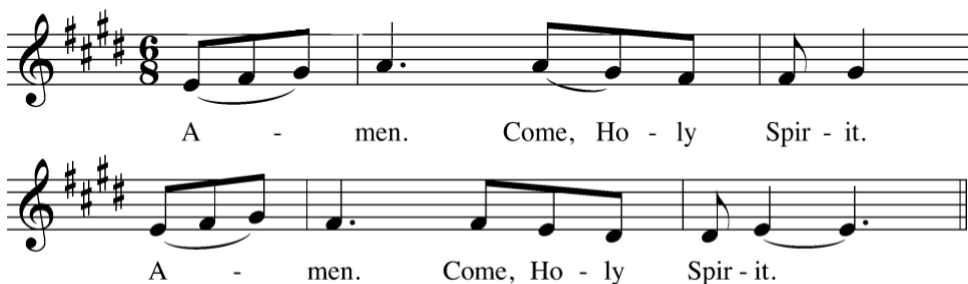
Drink and re - member: this is my prom - ise,  
giv - en for you, mer - cy for all.

The musical notation is identical to the first part, consisting of two staves in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

In our remembrance and in this meal,  
reshape us by your Spirit, O God.

Fill our hearts to overflowing with Christ's life.

Unite us in bearing bread and love and hope to all.



A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The musical notation is identical to the previous parts, consisting of two staves in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

The Spirit within us, Christ Jesus beside us,  
we bless you, God behind and before us,  
our praise but one part of the unending song. **Amen.**

Rooted and grounded in love, 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.**

### COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

Jesus invites you to share this meal.  
Come, be nourished in grace. **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:*

### *Lamb of God*

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. *Repeat*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## ✠ 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: **God our table, our food, our server,  
we give you thanks for this taste of the new creation.  
Keep our hearts tender should we grow weary in love,  
and unite us in Christ's commitment and care. Amen.**

## ✠ BENEDICTION

*based on Romans 15:13*

## ✠ HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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## ✠ SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve.  
**We will. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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