



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 20, 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

All Is Meant for the Glory of God

F B^b F B^b F

French 1 Tout est fait pour la gloi-re de Dieu. A - men! A-men!
 2 Le vie c'est pour la gloi-re de Dieu. A - men! A-men!
 English 1 All is meant for the glo-ry of God. A - men! A-men!

B^b F B^b

Tout dé-pend de ce que tu en fais. A - men! A -
 All de-pends on what you do with it. A - men! A -

F F7 B^b F

men! A - men! A - men! A - men!
 men! A - men! A - men! A - men!

B^b F B^b F

Tout est fait pour la gloi-re de Dieu. A - men! A - men!
 All is meant for the glo-ry of God. A - men! A - men!

2. Life is meant for the glory of God...
3. The earth is meant for the glory of God...
4. Worship is meant for the glory of God...

✠ 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:



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.


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.



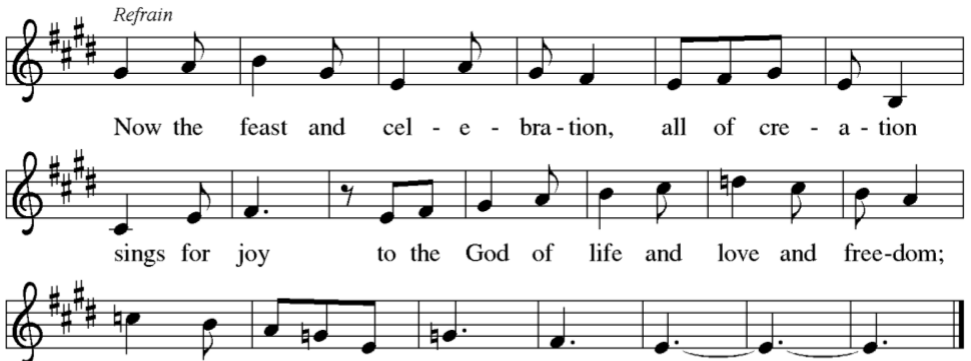
A - men.

✠ 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 - 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 -



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.

The LORD's word came to Elijah: Get up and go to Zarephath near Sidon and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to take care of you. Elijah left and went to Zarephath. As he came to the town gate, he saw a widow collecting sticks. Elijah called out to her, "Please get a little water for me in this cup so I can drink." She went to get some water. Elijah then said to her, "Please get me a piece of bread."

"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any food; only a handful of flour in a jar and a bit of oil in a bottle. Look at me. I'm collecting two sticks so that I can make some food for myself and my son. We'll eat the last of the food and then die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go and do what you said. Only make a little loaf of bread for me first. Then bring it to me. You can make something for yourself and your son after that. This is what Israel's God, the LORD, says: The jar of flour won't decrease and the bottle of oil won't run out until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth."

The widow went and did what Elijah said. So the widow, Elijah, and the widow's household ate for many days. The jar of flour didn't decrease nor did the bottle of oil run out, just as the LORD spoke through Elijah.

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.

✠ GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Repeat

Glory to you, O Lord.

As he was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.”

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

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

SERMON

✠ HYMN

When the Poor Ones

#725

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#752

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.

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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 -

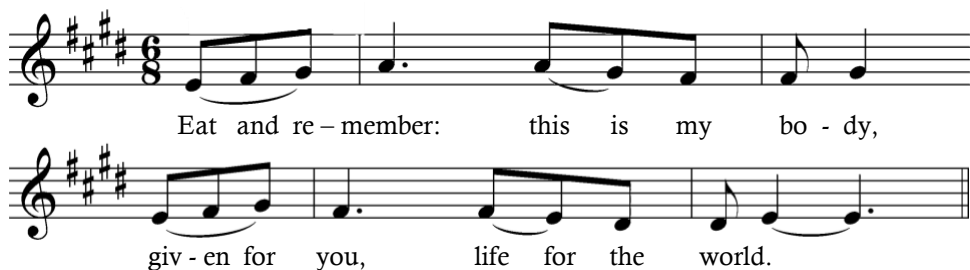


san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

Echo each sung acclamation as you are invited.

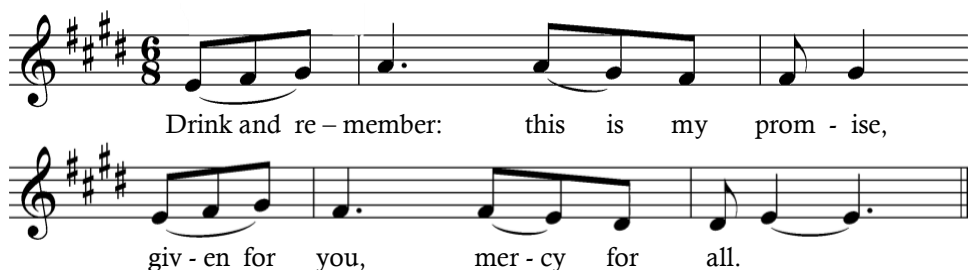
... Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it and shared it with his disciples, saying:



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: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).

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



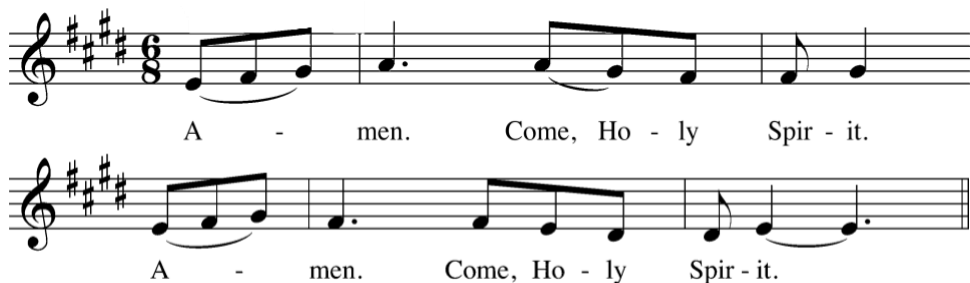
Drink and re - member: this is my prom - ise,
giv - en for you, mer - cy for all.

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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.
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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

Take My Life

#583

✠ SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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