

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

JUNE 29, 2025

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 and expression, 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, and 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 at the listed page number in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (noted as *ELW* in this worship guide), the red hymnal underneath the chair in front of you.

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 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

✠CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

✠ Praise our Wonderful Maker,
who wove our bodies from the depths of the earth,
hems us in, behind and before,
and will knit us back together.

Amen.

Jesus said: Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind.
And love your neighbor as yourself.

**But we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and what we have left undone.**

Have mercy on us, O God.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us.

Silence for personal reflection.

Jesus said: the kingdom of God is like a woman baking bread.
She adds a pinch of yeast to flour
and the dough rises and grows in ways we never imagined.

By this ever-expanding grace, ✠ God fills us with new life.
We are freed to love our neighbors as God first loved us.
Amen.

✠ GATHERING HYMN *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW 452

✠ PEACE

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

ACS 978

Sing through twice

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation for the hymn of praise. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;".

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second line of musical notation for the hymn of praise. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.".

FIRST READING

Psalm 16:5-11

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL CHANT

ACS974

Let us rise to greet the Gospel!



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

✠ GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

This is the Good News.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Andrew Baumgartner

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY

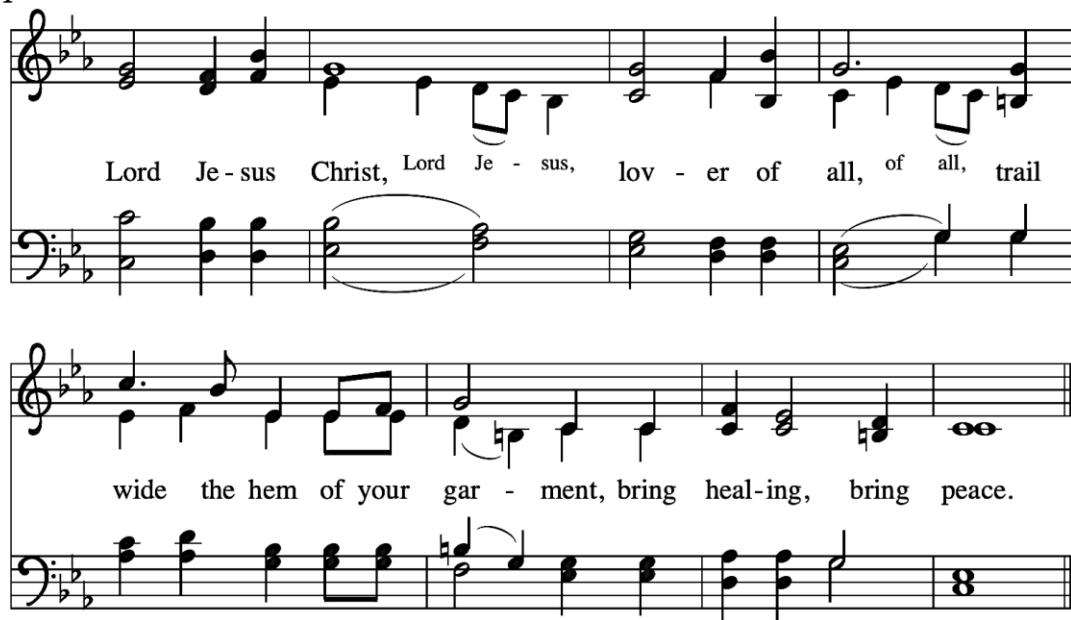
Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Each petition concludes:



Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord Je - sus, lov - er of all, of all, trail
wide the hem of your gar - ment, bring heal-ing, bring peace.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words spanning across measures. The score concludes with a double bar line and a final chord in the Bass clef.

The prayers conclude:

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

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.

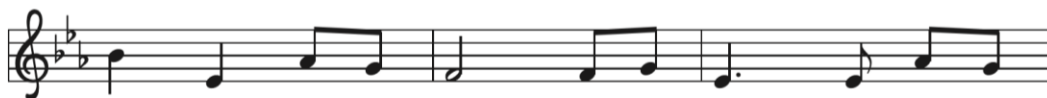


✠SINGING THE STORY: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Sing verses 1 and 2:



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

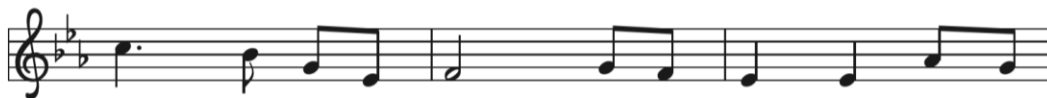


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Sing Verse 3

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Sing Verse 4

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All thanks and praise are yours, O God,
for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body.
By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive.
You have been revealed to us as one who breathes,
and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore, we breathe your loving Spirit:
Moment of silence to breathe prayers of praise and longing.

With the prophet Ezekiel, we cry out:
Breathe on us, that we may live!

Breath of God, in this bread and cup
you bring new life to this assembly
Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words,
so that we might be made one body in Christ.
Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace,
and reveal to us your justice,
so that we might witness to the resurrection
in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you,
O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

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.**

COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

Wisdom has prepared the food, poured the wine, and set her table.

She calls to us: “Come all are welcome to eat and drink!”

Amen!

All are welcome at the Lord’s table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The presiding minister 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

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 8



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

HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

Nurturing 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

✠ SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

✠ SENDING

Go in peace. Be moved by the Spirit.
We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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



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