

Pentecost 8

July 14, 2024

prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



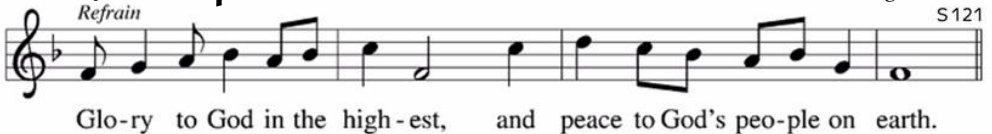
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

S 121





1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Great and mighty Lord, though many forces continually fight against your designs and your purposes they have never prevail against you. Be our protector and guide, that we will also prevail over all that works against our efforts to be faithful disciples and witnesses to the power and compassion of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

AMOS 7:7-15

The Lord Sends the Prophet Amos to King Amaziah

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, and the Lord had a plumb line in his hand.

And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the Israelite priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"


And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God**

psalm

psalm 85: 8-13



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "I will lis - ten to what the LORD God is". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "say - ing, I will lis - ten to the LORD." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. R**

*Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

*The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.*

**Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. R**

Second Lesson ephesians 1:1-14 *(the beginning of a continual reading)*

I, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, write to you, the saints who are in Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . . Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that is in the heavenly places, just as the Father chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before the Father, loving the Father with a wholistic love . . . having destined us for our adoption through Jesus Christ to be the Father's, according to the pleasure of his will - to the praise of the glory of his grace that he bestowed on us in that wholistic loving - in the Father we have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our mis-steps, according to the riches of Christ's grace that Christ lavished on us. With all wisdom and with a right-evaluative-point-of-view, Christ has made known to us the mystery of the Father's will, according to the Father's pleasure that the Father purposed in Christ, to the proper stewardship of the fullness of the critical time, reconciling all of us in Christ, those in the heavens and those on the earth, in him. In Christ we have also been assigned our 'lot in life', having been destined according to his purpose, accomplishing everything according to his counsel and his will, into him, whose we are - into his praise and glory - our trusting in the Christ.

In Christ you also, when you, having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, having believed in him, were made sealed in the Spirit - the Promise - the Holy - which is the pledge of our inheritance - our possession - for his praise his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

Verse

886 vs. 1, 4-6



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;





the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

MARK 6:14-29

King Herod Beheads John the Baptist

And King Herod heard of Jesus, for Jesus' name had become well known.

And some people were saying, "John, the baptizer, has been raised out of death and because of this, a power is working in him."

But others said, "It is Elijah."

And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the great prophets of long ago."

But Herod, hearing these ideas, decided, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent his police to arrest John and lock him up in prison because John had been speaking badly of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom Herod had married.

For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to be joined with your brother's wife."

So, Herodias had a grudge against John and wanted to kill him, but she did not have the power to do so, for Herod feared John, knowing that John was a righteous and holy man, and so Herod protected him. When he listened to John he was greatly perplexed, but he liked to listen to him.

And the unfortunate day came when Herod, on his birthday,

gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

Herod's daughter Herodias came in and danced in a way that pleased Herod and the others reclining together.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

And Herod solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

And she went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?"

Her mother replied, "Ask for the head of John, the baptizer."

The girl ran back quickly to Herod and said, "I wish for you to give me the head of John the Baptist on this plate at once."

And the King, becoming deeply grieved on account of his oath and those who heard it, did not wish to turn her down, so he immediately sent a soldier of the guard, and commanded the guard to bring back John's head. And the guard left and cut off John's head in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. And when John's disciples heard this, they came and took John's corpse, and placed him in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

hymn of the Day *O Jesus I Have Promised* **810**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

870 vs. 1 & 3

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed . . .

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

the LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION Hymns

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1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son, Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

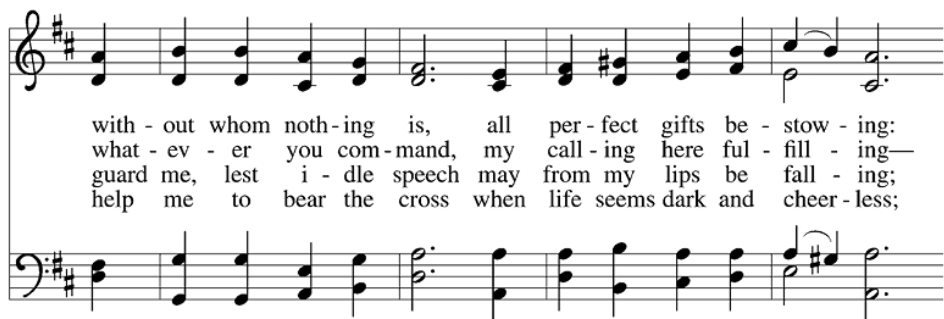
And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Post Communion Prayer

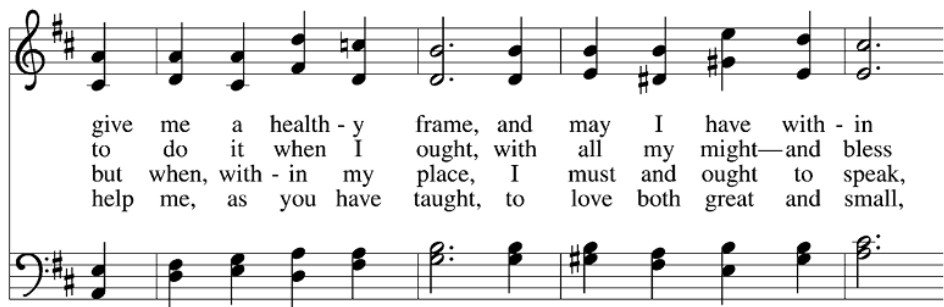
Benediction



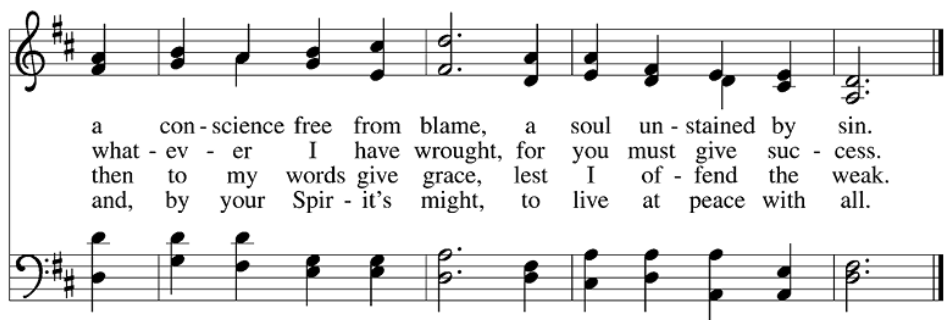
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Postlude

Dismissal

Courage, brothers and sisters in Christ!! God calls us to share in the teaching of our faith to the children and Grace has an opportunity for you to serve the Lord by lending your skill, love, time and creativity to teaching a Sunday School class once in a while! It is a great joy and very rewarding. Speak with Pastor about what is needed and what you can do to make a real difference here at Grace!



Thomas Hoover and Emily DeLeo will be married at Grace on Saturday, July 20th, 2024. The couple and their families would like to invite the members of Grace to attend the ceremony, which will take place in the sanctuary at 2pm.



Sunday, July 14

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden

Monday, July 15

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 16

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

8:00 a.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Saturday, July 20

2:00 p.m. Hoover/DeLeo Wedding @ Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 21

Deadline to RSVP & Pay for Dining Out @ Table 9

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden