

August 2, 2026



The Moral Of the Story Is...

The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

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.

Entrance Hymn

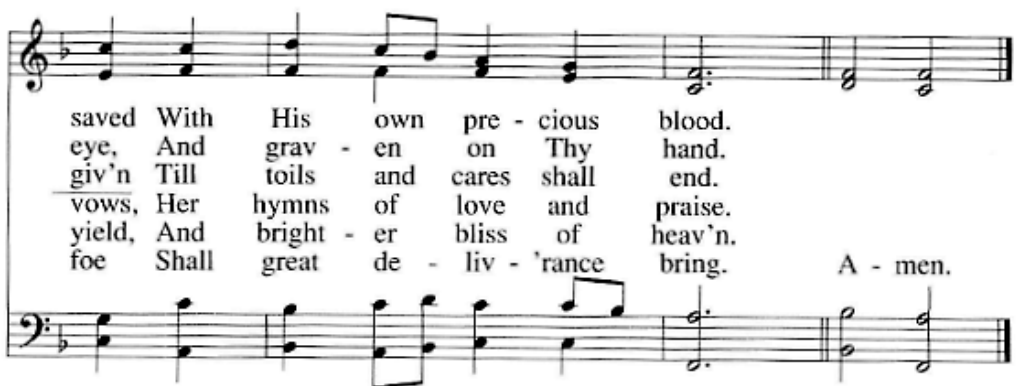
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord



1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord, The house of
 2. I love Thy Church, O God; Her walls be -
 3. For her my tears shall fall, For her my
 4. Be - yond my high - est joy, I prize her
 5. Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zi - on
 6. Je - sus, Thou friend di - vine, Our Sav - ior



Thine a - bode, The Church our blest Re - deem - er
 fore Thee stand, Dear as the ap - ple of Thine
 prayers as - cend, To her my cares and toils be
 heav'n - ly ways, Her sweet com - mun - ion, sol - emn
 shall be giv'n The bright - est glo - ries earth can
 and our King, Thy hand from ev - 'ry snare and



saved With His own pre - cious blood.
 eye, And grav - en on Thy hand.
 giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
 vows, Her hymns of love and praise.
 yield, And bright - er bliss of heav'n.
 foe Shall great de - liv - rance bring. A - men.

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



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



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.



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.



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.



Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

A: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare God's faithfulness from age to age for all time.

A: We hear and keep God's Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, as you cast your net wide to gather everyone into your Kingdom, be merciful to us and, through the faithful work of Christ on the Cross, sort us among the "good fish," people worthy of a lasting place in your Kingdom. Send us the Spirit, that we will embrace the life you call us to live and, with confidence in the truth of your Word, we will turn away from anything oppressive and exclusive of those you are liberating and including. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lesson

Isaiah 5

... the Lord of hosts is exalted by justice, and the Holy God shows the Holy God to be holy by righteousness. Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, fatlings and kids will feed among the ruins. Ah, you who drag iniquity along with cords of falsehood, who drag sin along as with cart ropes, who say, "Let God make haste, let God speed God's work that we may see it; let the plan of the Holy One of Israel hasten to fulfillment, that we may know it!" Ah!, you who call evil "good" and good "evil," who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Ah!, you who are wise in your own eyes, and shrewd in your own sight! Ah!, you who are "heroes" in drinking wine and "valiant" at mixing drink, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of their rights!

Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will become rotten, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the instruction of the Lord of hosts and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 81

*I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.*

**Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.**

*Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;
keep watch over the door of my lips.*

**Do not turn my heart to any evil, to busy myself with
wicked deeds in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.**

*Let the righteous strike me; let the faithful correct me.
Never let the oil of the wicked anoint my head,
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.*

**When they are given over to those who shall condemn
them, then they shall learn that my words were pleasant.**

*Like a rock that one breaks apart and shatters on the land,
so will their bones be strewn at the mouth of Sheol.*

**But my eyes are turned toward you, O God, my Lord;
in you I seek refuge; do not leave me defenseless.**

*Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me,
and from the snares of evildoers.*

**Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I alone
escape.**

Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4

And we do not wish you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who are now “sleeping,” so that you may not grieve as others do who are having no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, even so, through Jesus, God *will* bring with him

those who have “fallen asleep.” For this we say to you in the Lord's Word - that we who are alive, remaining into the returning of the Lord, will by no means *precede* those having “fallen asleep.” For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, *will* descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ *will* rise first. *Then* we, the living, who are remaining, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air and so always be with the Lord. Therefore, exhort one another with *these* words.

But, about this time and this critical moment, brothers and sisters, *you* do not need to have anything written to you. For *you*, yourselves, know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When others may be saying, “peace and security,” *then* sudden destruction *will* come upon them, just as labor grips the belly, and there may be no fleeing away. But *you*, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so that that day may overtake you like a thief; for *you* are all children of light and children of the day; *we* are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those sleeping, sleep at night, and those being intoxicated, are intoxicated at night. But, since we are “day,” we may be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has planted us not into wrath, but into obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died on behalf of us so that whether we may “keep awake” or whether we may “sleep” - either way - we may live with him. Therefore, exhort one another and build up each other, as indeed *you are* doing.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

ELW Setting 3

S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Dragnet

While in the house by the shore, Jesus told his disciples the third of four parables, saying . . .

"Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a dragnet being thrown into the sea and out of it all races are gathering together, which - when it is filled, drawing it onto the shore and sitting down - they gather the beautiful, the wise into containers, but those that are imposters, they throw out. So it will be at the consummation of the age - the angels will come out and they will separate the corrupt out from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire - there will be the "Weeping" and the "Gnashing of the Teeth."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Beyond the Beauty and the Awe* tune: **628**

1. Beyond the beauty and the awe,
beyond the fear and dread,
we long, O God, to hear your word,
to taste your transformed bread.
2. Our lives feel torn between the world
whose needs are grimly real
and empty talk of peace and joy
with distant, vague appeal.
3. Oh, teach us how to hear your voice
despite the traffic's din;
to keep the blasts of rancor out
and let your Spirit in.
4. In sound or silence, sight or smell,
may we some token find
that makes your living presence known

to body, soul, and mind.

5. Then help us live as Jesus taught,
as light and salt and yeast,
that others may be brought to share
your promise and your feast.

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.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace & Offering / Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us Pray

C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 3 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

494, 496



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



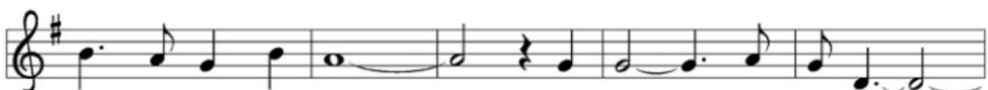
for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



Refrain



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles - sing which we bless, and we, though man - y

through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more,
 one in the Lord of all,
 gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction & Recessional

The Kingdom of God

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1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
 For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
 God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
 And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
 The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
 The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
 And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
 Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
 God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
 Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
 In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
 The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
 And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, August 2

Name Tag Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 3

2:30 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Club

Sunday, August 9th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship



Orders now being accepted for Memorial Bricks! Pick up an order form in the narthex or use the one posted below.

Grace Lutheran Church MEMORIAL WALKWAY BRICK DEDICATION



To have a dedication or memorial engraved on a brick, print the message below with one letter in one box. Leave a blank box as space between words. The dedication or memorial is limited to the letters and spaces that fill the boxes below. Words or letters or spaces not in a box cannot be engraved on the block.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th

Dining Out — with Grace —



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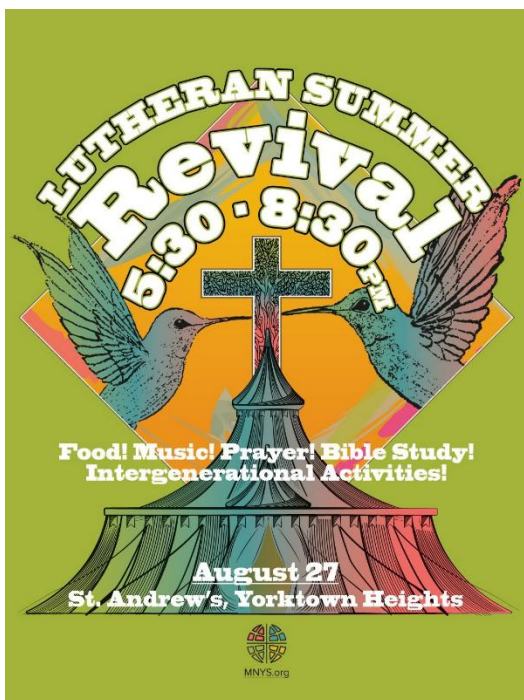
**THURSDAY
AUGUST 27, 2026**

- Optional: Meet at 5:30 p.m. for a drink
- 6:00p.m. DINNER



Separate Checks Available

Contact CAROL KING to reserve your spot:
TEXT: (845) 797 - 0726 or EMAIL: seeking58@gmail.com



Bible Studies with Pastor Chris will
resume on Tuesday, September 8th!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINS!

Sunday School Opening
Sunday 9/13 @ 9:45

To Sing To Learn More
To Pray Together

The poster features a collage of diverse children smiling and waving, and a teacher interacting with students at a desk. The background is a dark chalkboard texture with white and blue chalk-like text. Two pieces of white chalk are shown on the right side.



CONFIRMATION
7TH & 8TH GRADES

Weekly Classes Begin

Sunday Sept 13 @ 9:45 am or
Tuesday Sept 15 @ 4:30 pm

WORD ALONE FAITH ALONE
GRACE ALONE

GRACE LUTHERAN

The poster has a dark blue background with a bokeh light effect. It features a circular logo with a white rose and a red heart containing a black cross. The words 'WORD ALONE', 'FAITH ALONE', and 'GRACE ALONE' are written around the rose. In the bottom left corner is a white cross icon with the text 'GRACE LUTHERAN' next to it.

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