

Outdoor Worship

August 25, 2024

Opening

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

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, 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.

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

C: God of strength and mighty, as you have always watched over and empowered your faithful people, watch over and empower us, now, as we face the struggles of being faithful where faithfulness is not valued. Through the hearing of your Word, the feasting at your Table and the support of this community of believers, provide us the courage, discipline, wisdom and grit we need to remain steadfast in living out our identity as your people in all

that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be empowered! in the Lord and in the dominance of the Lord's strength. Put on the whole armor of God so that you may have power to stand against the methods of the devil! Because our wrestling-match is not with blood and flesh, but with the rulers, with the authorities, with the world-dominators of this darkness - with the spiritually wicked in the heavens. For this reason take up the whole armor of God, so that you may have power to resist in that evil day, and having done everything, to stand. Stand, therefore! Put on the supportive athletic underwear of truth, and put on the breastplate of righteousness, and lace up your combat boots of the "readiness to proclaim the gospel of peace," always take up the shield of faith with which will have the power to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one, and allow the helmet of salvation to be placed on your head, and allow the sword of the Spirit to be put on your side - which is the Word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and in every one of your prayers and supplications - to that end, keep alert and always persevere in making supplications for all the saints.

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

Psalm

Psalm 34:15-22

*The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.*

**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

*The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.*

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

*Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.*

**The Lord will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

*Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.*

**The Lord ransoms the life of God's servants,
and none will be punished who trust in God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

Jesus finished his dialogue with the crowd and with the Jews who were murmuring about his claim that he is the bread of life from heaven.

Then many of Jesus' disciples who had heard what Jesus had taught, said, "this Word is difficult; who has power himself to hear?"

But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring about it, said to them, "This scandalizes you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? The spirit is life-making, but the flesh is not profiting anyone. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life, but there are some among you who do not believe" - for Jesus knew from the very beginning who was not believing, and who was the one who would be handing him over.

And Jesus continued by saying, "For this reason I have said to you that no one has the power to come to me if they are not given to me from the Father."

Because of what Jesus said, many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked about with him.

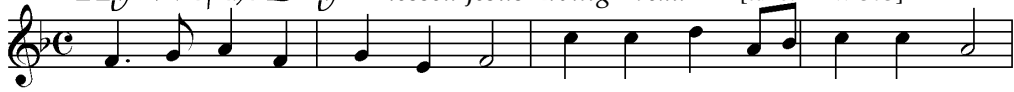
So, Jesus asked The Twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom else will we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have come to believe and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Blessed Jesus Living Bread* [tune: ELW 373]



Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread, By your self our - souls are fed;
Ah, what wel - come words you speak: Com - fort to re - vive the weak,
Word In - car - nate, Word di - vine Word that comes in bread and wine:
We are in that crowd you fed With your blest, a - bun - dant Bread.



Give us all the eyes to see All that you were sent to be.
God's own wis - dom, hope, and cheer Star - ving souls are blest to hear.
Love that we have come to know: Lord, to whom else shall we go?
Moved by ev - 'ry hu - man care, Bless the Bread we eat and share.

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

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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; and 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional

I Received the Living God

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Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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



Sunday, August 25

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Last Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden

Monday, August 26

2:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, August 27

3:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Grace Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

Thursday, August 29

5:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Stone House Bar and Grill

Sunday, September 1

Name Tag Sunday
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship



CONFIRMATION

7TH & 8TH GRADES



Weekly Classes Begin

Sunday Sept 8 @ 9:45 am or

Tuesday Sept 10 @ 4:30 pm



Confirmation class will be starting in just a few short weeks! If you have a student interested in joining the class, please contact the church office at OfficeGraceYorktown@gmail.com

A chalkboard-style graphic with the text 'WHAT'S AFTER CONFIRMATION??' in large, green, block letters. Below it, a purple and red banner reads 'SUNDAY SCHOOL: Youth'. To the right, the text 'Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.' is written in white. Below that, the words 'Music', 'Conversations', 'Activities', and 'Deep Questions' are written in various colors. Two pieces of white chalk are shown at the bottom right. In the top right corner, there is a small logo for Grace Lutheran Church.

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