
Grace Lutheran Church

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Divine Service: Sunday 10:30 AM

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Our Vision: Welcoming people to grow in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace.

For Our Guests

Dear friend, welcome to Grace! Make yourself at home. Grace Lutheran Church is a family made up of regular, imperfect people growing in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace, rejoicing together in God's restoration and forgiveness, and celebrating our new life in Christ Jesus. If you have any questions for us, please don't hesitate to speak with an usher or the pastor.

If you're in Niagara Falls on vacation right now, thanks for coming! We pray this worship service refreshes your spirit by showing you a wonder even more beautiful than the mighty Falls He made: the depth of His amazing love for you.

If you live in the area, we pray you find comfort, peace and joy through the worship service today. We would be delighted to worship with you again, and if you don't have a church home and you'd like to become part of the Grace family, please speak with an usher or the pastor.

RESTROOMS are located in the parent's room (back of the church) and next to the parking lot door.

** I have children, and they're not always quiet. Do you mind?*

We warmly welcome children to worship just like Jesus did, and we love the liveliness they bring to the service. If your little one's crying is making you uncomfortable, there's a cry room in back for your convenience. Don't worry about coming and going if that's what you need to do. We're parents and grandparents too. We've been there and we understand!

** The plate's coming. Do I have to give an offering?*

Members of Grace have the privilege and responsibility of stewarding the mission of our congregation through generous giving. God teaches that giving comes from a joyful heart, not under compulsion. If you are visiting today, you are not expected to participate in the offering; please direct your gift to your home congregation.

** What about Holy Communion?*

Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and in other special services. We believe what Jesus says about Holy Communion: that it is His body and blood, not symbolically but actually present, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. The Bible cautions that anyone who receives Communion without this understanding will be receiving it to their great harm.

For this reason, out of sincere love, we ask that those who commune at this altar are baptized Christians who, having been instructed in the faith, regret their sins and desire to receive Christ's real Body and Blood for forgiveness, trusting in God's Word as He revealed it in Scripture. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with the pastor before you commune.

If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward for a pastoral blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail. There is non-alcoholic white wine on each tray for those who require it. Finally, those who have difficulty walking may indicate such to an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

In the timeless tradition of the Christian church, the Common Cup is offered to all. If you desire to commune using the common cup, raise your hand as the individual cups approach, then assist the Elder by holding the chalice at its base and guiding it as you receive.

Members and Guests: Please help us serve you by indicating your presence today, and any special needs, on the fellowship sheet in your bulletin & place in offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 9, 2026

– based on Divine Service 1: LSB 151 –

This symbol () means that part of the service is found in the Lutheran Service Book hymnal.

Welcome, Announcements

 **Hymn of Invocation: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”** *LSB 849*

L In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 152

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

L 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

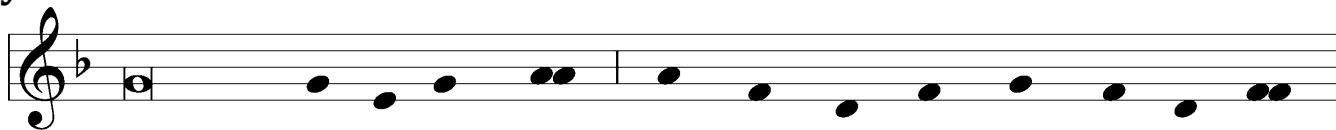
L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



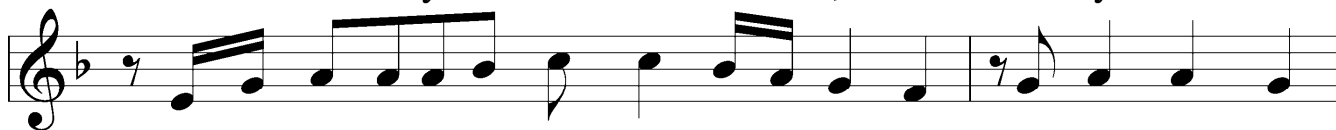
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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



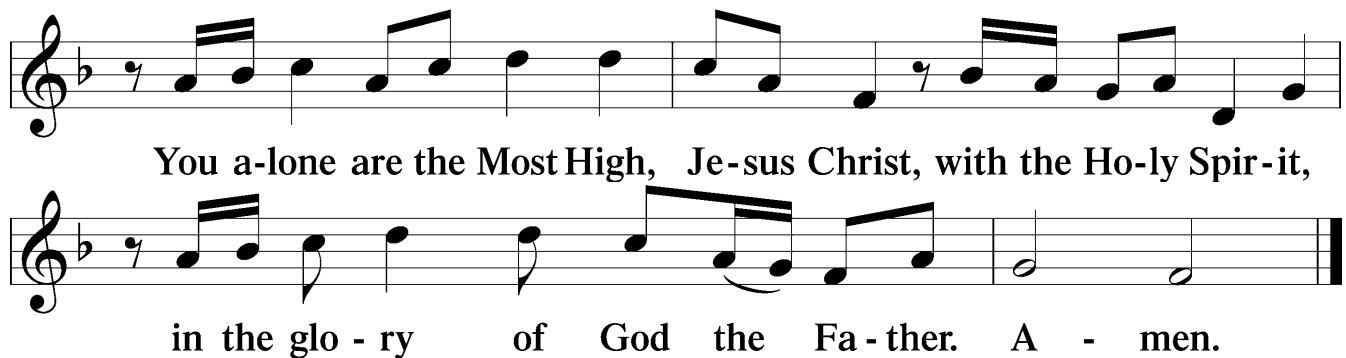
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.



C Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel



C 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.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

L ...This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

 **Hymn of the Day:** “How Shall They Hear,’ Who Have Not Heard” *LSB 831*

Sermon

 **The Apostles’ Creed**

Back Cover of Hymnal

Prayer of the Church

The Leader will close each section: **L** Lord, in Your mercy,

Then please respond:

C Hear our 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; 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.

Offering

Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

 **Sending Hymn:** “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

L Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THOSE ASSISTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Leader: Jim Wolf

Organist: Maye Smith

Acolytes: Zak Fees & Tyler Markel

Head Ushers: Mark Binkley & Jim Wolf

Readers: Sue & John Loss

Tech Crew: Mark Binkley & John Bahr

Altar Care: Erika Tuscher & Lin Matiasz

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY – 08/09/26

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hour

MONDAY – 08/10/26

6:30 pm Survivors' Group

NEXT SUNDAY – 08/16/26

10:30 am Worship (HC)
11:30 am Coffee Hour

Statistics for the week of

August 2, 2026

Worship Service: 67 Attended, 15 Views

Offering: \$3,988.84

Sunday School: \$9.00

VBS: \$227.00

Mission of the Month: \$73.00

* Weekly budget needs \$4,206

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please submit new announcements
by **Wednesday 12pm:** office@gracenf.org.*

August Office Hours: T/Th 10-3

GIVING: Options at www.gracenf.org

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32, and Matthew 15:21-28.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed August 9th-16th. Please contact Mark Andrews or Dick Crawford with any immediate needs.

AUGUST 23 will be the last coffee hour for this summer. We are still looking for a volunteer to provide goodies for that date. The signup sheet is on the glass case if you are interested.

THE SALES ARE HERE! School supplies are now on sale in most stores. We are still accepting donations of school supplies, socks, and underwear for the children in need in Niagara Falls. All donations will be distributed directly to students by their teachers (and school nurses) as they determine individual needs during the first weeks of school.

AUGUST MISSION ENVELOPES will support WINGS FLIGHTS OF HOPE. Their pilots are on call 24/7 to volunteer their time and their planes to fly patients for medical treatments that are not available locally. This service is completely free to the patient. WINGS receives no government funding. They are supported completely by donations, which go toward the cost of fuel and plane maintenance. If you would like to help Wings Flights of Hope with their mission, place your mission envelope in the offering plate during August or donate online at www.gracenf.org by choosing "give now" and then "mission of the month".

SEPTEMBER GLEANINGS DEADLINE is Tuesday, August 17th.



About the Cover

Jesus showed His divinity as the one who "trampled the waves of the sea" (Job 9:8). He also showed His mercy by calling out, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Jesus, God in the flesh, was full of mercy toward Peter and the disciples. The Son of God is also full of mercy toward us. He showed it to us through His cross. We need not fear nor be afraid because the same Lord who said, "It is I," is present in His Word.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4–18

⁴ [The LORD said to Job:]

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹ when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

¹² "Have you commanded the morning since
your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶ "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

Epistle: Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your

mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."