

August 2, 2026

Pentecost 10



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We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.
Most of our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship
red hymnal found in the pews.*

S=service music in the front part of the hymnal.

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Frey

PRELUDE

Come to the Water

by G. F. Handel

Duet: Ruth Bowden & Patricia Angarano

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW #461

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.**

KYRIE

ELW S138

HYMN OF PRAISE*This is the Feast***ELW S140****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**CHILDREN'S SERMON***Please be seated.***FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

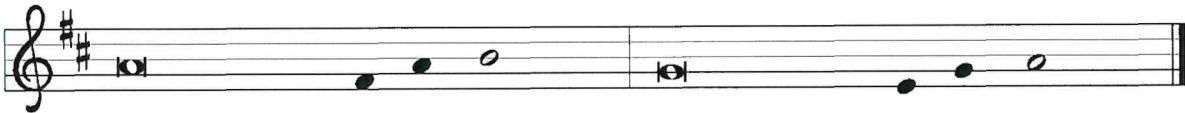
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21



- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in [|] steadfast love.
- ⁹ **LORD, you are [|] good to all,
and your compassion is over [|] all your works.**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all [|] those who fall
and lifts up those who [|] are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon [|] you, O LORD,
and you give them their food [|] in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open [|] wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every [|] living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in [|] all your ways
and loving in [|] all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who [|] call upon you,
to all who call up- [|] on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of [|] those who fear you;
you hear their [|] cry and save them.**
- ²⁰ You watch over all [|] those who love you,
but all the wicked you [|] shall destroy.
- ²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise [|] of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- [|] er and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's

covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the

crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Elizabeth Frey

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW #515

THE APOSTLE’S 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.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Our monthly special noisy offering for the month of August is Covenant House.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bread of the Angels

by Thomas Pavlechko

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God* [WOV #732](#)

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *Brief silence.*

A: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit *especially all who are on our prayer list and all those we name aloud or in our hearts...* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW S144

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW S144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to receive communion in front of the altar steps. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing and cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **ELW #674**

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE *A Trumpet Choral* arr. by Van Denman Thompson

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

We thank all those serving in worship today:
Worship Assistant: Edna Cordery



The flowers sponsor this week is: Edna Cordery, in memory of our parents, Samuel & Patricia Haspel, on what would have been their 75th wedding anniversary! With much love, their five daughters & their families.

Please be sure to sign up for a time to meet with Pastor Liz if you have not done that yet. She would love to get to know everyone, even if she has already met you. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex (back of the church). You may also call the church office to set up a time with her.

We are in the process of updating our prayer list. If you or a loved one have been on our prayer list, please call or email the church office at your convenience to give us an update on how you/they are doing, and let us know which names can be removed and which names you would like us to keep. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

Members of Grace: Debbie K., Renee P. & sister, Bettie C., Bonnie C., Ruth K., Barry L., Don B., John Sa., Family of Chris D., Scott B, Sally S., Jonelle, Meg L., Jim F., Clare B., Meg M., Robert & Mary Ellen B. and Family

Our family and friends: Alex, Jeff, Skip, Donna, Tom, Rachel (Ruth T.), Cody, Logan, David (Ruth B.), Marilyn, Houston (June J.), Nadine, Todd, Drew, Catherine, (Corinne R.), Family & Friends of Carrie, Family & Friends of Sally (Ray H.), Jonathan S. (Edna C.), Bruce (Brenda T.), Jody M., Audrey M. (Mary Ann G.), Karen H., Barbara F. (Mary G.), Tyler, Megan (Carol G.), Barbara B., Hank (Vickie C.), Bridget K. & Patrick, George M., Ronald G., Rossanne and Ronald, Byonka (Renee P.), Abril, Kyle, Randy, the Garmin Family (Chris D.), Donna Bishop-Chaporino, Reverend Pat J. (Jim F.), Kyri (Meg L.), John M., Dan (Sue S.), Eileen (Linda S.), Joan W. (Mary Ellen F.), Lisa M., Bob B. (Pastor Liz), Pastor Althea Albright, Lillian D.

Those serving our country: Matthew Bilello, ANG, Cainan Johnson, USAF, & Daniel Casner, 3rd USN, Liam Johnson, USN

The Shores at Wesley Manor: Eleanore Guire

Please notify the church office of any changes or additions to our prayer list.

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

August 2, 2026-August 9, 2026

10th Sunday of Pentecost 8/2/26

8:00AM Spoken Worship
10:15AM Traditional Worship
Joyful Noise Offering: Covenant House

MONDAY 8/3/26

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 8/4/26

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 8/5/26

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM AA Book Study
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 8/6/26

12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
5:30PM AA 12-Step
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 8/7/26

10:30AM Grace Stitchers
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 8/8/26

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

11th Sunday of Pentecost 8/9/26

8:00AM Spoken Worship
10:15AM Traditional Worship

Office Hours:
Mon-Tues 10:00-3:00
Thurs-Fri 10:00-3:00

SHORE DINER

Present this bulletin on a Sunday and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace Lutheran Church. Present this on any other day, and we will donate 10%.

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