



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

*Better is One Day*

Praise Team

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.  
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

by Michael O'Shields

This song is in parts, those sitting on left half looking at altar and those sitting on right half.

LEFT SIDE: I will call upon the Lord, RIGHT SIDE: I will call upon the Lord,

LEFT SIDE: Who is worthy to be saved, RIGHT SIDE: Who is worthy to be saved,

LEFT SIDE: So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

RIGHT SIDE: So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

ALL: The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock and may the God of my salvation be exalted,  
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## **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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Lesson**

**Amos 6: 1a, 4-7**

### **A reading from Amos:**

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

<sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## Second Lesson

**1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

### **A reading from 1 Timothy:**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Sanctuary*

by John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for you.

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**Gospel**

**Luke 16: 19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Priscilla**

## Hymn of the Day

*I Sing Praises to Your Name*

by Terry MacAlmon

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord, glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I give glory to Your name, O Lord, glory to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,  
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,  
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## **\*Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 of Intercession**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### **\*Peace**

Jesus said to his disciples, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”*

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

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

#### **\*The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sung**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## Hymn during Communion

*Protector of My Soul*

by Anne Barbour

Oh, Protector of my soul, You will stand against the foe,  
In the dark You'll be a light for me, Oh, Protector of my soul.  
You who created the ends of the earth, guided me unto Your throne,  
Offered Your healing hand to me, mercifully made me Your own.

Oh, gracious God above, I could never earn Your love,  
I'm amazed to see all You've given me, Oh, gracious God above.  
You who created the ends of the earth, guided me unto Your throne,  
Offered Your healing hand to me, mercifully made me Your own.

Oh, Holy Spirit come, show the world where life comes from,  
May they always see You alive in me, Oh, Holy Spirit come.

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## Blessing after Communion

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace,  
from now unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

## \*Prayer after Communion

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus'  
name. **Amen.**

## Benediction

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

**Praise Team**

## Sending Hymn

I Will Celebrate

by Rita Baloché

I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord, sing to the Lord a new song,  
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With my heart, rejoicing within, with my mind focused on Him,  
With my hands, raised to the heavens, All I am, worshipping Him.

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**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**