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July 23, 2023
Grace Alone: Fourth Sunday of Series

■ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Flower Dedication:** To the Glory of God in remembering Jackie Bigham one year ago on July 24. Mort Bigham
- What is grace?



- **Apparel is in!** If you submitted an order please look on the back pew for your order form. Your items will be underneath it.
- **Imagine Eleven:**
 - What we do together:
 - Building Community
 - Supporting Community Ministries
 - How you can help:
 - Attend Events
 - Tell Others
 - Donate
 - Thrivent Action Grants
 - Schedule for June
 - **July 23:** Stephanie Gummelt and Lyin' Eyes
 - **July 30:** The Arsonists and Friends
 - **Altar Flowers:** All of September is available. Don't forget to sign up on the flower chart posted outside the sanctuary if you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday. Please direct any questions you have to Nancy Lewis or Janice Harmsen.
 - **Instrumental Praise Team Rehearsal:** Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.
 - **Full Praise Team Rehearsal:** Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

- **NO YOUTH GROUP**
- **July 24, 31:** Line Dancing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **July 25:** Haven House Cooking at 3:00 p.m. Serving at 5:00 p.m.
- **July 30:** Noisy Offering; NO Fellowship Meal – will resume in September

 **5:00 MINUTE COUNTDOWN**

 **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

 **#11 PASTOR WELCOME**

 **#21 SANCTUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#11 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, we know you love us so much. You loved us enough to come to earth to be with us, live with us, cry with us. You loved us enough to go to the cross to break the power that sin had over us so nothing could separate us from you. We know this, yet we will still fall short. We still give into our selfish desires and our ego to be better than others. We come before you burdened with sin and are in desperate need of your forgiveness.

Good and loving God,

Forgive us when we close our ears to the stories of pain from others and our eyes to their needs.

Forgive us when we neglect our communities because we don't care or because we don't want to deal with it.

Forgive us when we expect you to fix things and forget we are your hands.

Forgive us our sins.

We are invited to silently confess our sins to God.

Because of Jesus' death, when he took away all the power of sin, we can confidently say our sins are forgiven. Find hope in this good news and be freed to go and be who God created you to be.

 **Amen! Let it be so.**

■ WELCOMING HYMN

"God Is Here!"

Fred Pratt Green

Vs. 1, 3, 4



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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 #11 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

God of grace,

You give us opportunities every day to show others grace. Because of our busy-ness, our selfishness, and our preoccupation with other things, we miss those opportunities. Inspire us with moments of grace and open our eyes to moments where we can show others grace. Amen.

We are invited to stand.

■ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 8

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -



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

#22 FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

⁶While meeting together they asked, “Has the time come, Rabbi? Are you going to restore sovereignty to Israel?” ⁷Jesus replied, “It’s not for you to know times or dates that Abba God has decided. ⁸You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.” ⁹Having said this, Jesus was lifted up in a cloud before their eyes and taken from their sight. ¹⁰They were still gazing up into the heavens when two messengers dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“You Galileans—why are you standing here looking up at the skies?” they asked. “Jesus, who has been taken from you—this same Jesus will return, in the same way you watched him go into heaven.” ¹²The apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a mere Sabbath’s walk away. ¹³Entering the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying—Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James ben-Alphaeus; Simon, a member of the Zealot sect; and Judah ben-Jacob. ¹⁴Also in their company were some of the women who followed Jesus, his mother Mary, and some of Jesus’ sisters and brothers. With one mind, they devoted themselves to constant prayer.

 The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are invited to stand in body or spirit for the Gospel Acclamation because we are going to read from scriptures where Jesus, the Messiah, spoke. We show our respect by standing and our commitment by speaking John 6:68-69,
“Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

#22 FIRST GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-5

Our first holy gospel reading according to John, Chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration. ³At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine." ⁴Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

#22 SECOND GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

Our second gospel reading is from Luke chapter 1.

⁴⁶Mary said:

"My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior.

⁴⁸For you have looked with favor

upon your lowly servant,

and from this day forward

all generations will call me blessed.

⁴⁹For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name.

⁵⁰Your mercy reaches from age to age
for those who fear you.

⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm;
you have scattered the proud in their conceit;

⁵²you have deposed the mighty from their thrones
and raised the lowly to high places.

⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things,
while you have sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴You have come to the aid of Israel your servant,
mindful of your mercy-

⁵⁵the promise you made to our ancestors –
to Sarah and Abraham

and their descendants forever.”

🖥️ The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

🎥 #23 CHILDREN’S CHAT

Pastor Sami Pfalzgraf

“This Little Light of Mine”

🖥️ *As the children come forward, we are invited to sing...*

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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🖥️ CHILDREN’S CHAT SLIDE

🖥️ *As the children return to their seats, we are invited to sing...*

SERMON

Pastor Sami Pfalzgraf

🎥 #13

🎥 #25

🎥 #31

🖥️ If Pastor has chosen any slides for her Sermon that week switch back to PC when she asks for them.

We are invited to stand.

■ HYMN OF THE DAY

"God of Women"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

v. 1, 2, 5



1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

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■ CREED

We make a public declaration of our faith before God and one another using the words of the 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.**

We are invited to sit for the prayers.

#22 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – Kathy Wessler

So often when we pray, we pray for ourselves, which is good. We also need to remember to pray for others and so we offer our prayer for a world in need.

A brief silence.

God of grace, help us to celebrate the diversity in your church. Open our eyes to division. Open our eyes to actions that push people to the side. Open our eyes to our own power, so we can use it to include. Give us courage to show grace especially when it's dangerous. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Break our hearts for your creation. Help us hear the cries of the earth as temperatures rise. We especially pray all living creatures in areas that are experiencing record breaking heat. Send them cooler temperatures and rain. God of grace,
hear our prayer.


God, we thank you for your comfort and presence in times of trial and pain. We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit especially for those on the screen and others we name aloud and in our hearts. [PAUSE]. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

SLIDE: Trisha Viselli (daughter to Howard and Janice Harmsen), Jill Harris Smith (friend to Ken Korell), Maddie McKnight, (friend of Laurel Goforth), Sunshine Amthauer (daughter to Bob and Fran Lynch), Jack Pearl, Sarah W. and family, Nickie Casburn, Ron and Lynn Hunter (friends of Sharmyn Thompson), Bob Lynch, Brie Phillips (Charlotte Chirila's granddaughter), Brett Chladek and family, Karen Young, Scott Wells, friend of Jeff Langdon, Charles Newman, brother to Dave Newman, David Bezona, Greg Owen, Randi Lenander's brother, Kay Howard and family, Kevin and Becky Carlson (cousins to Kathy Wessler), Charles Frazer (Friend

to Irene Wall), Loren Larkin (friend of Sharmyn Thompson), Victor Johnson (uncle of Kenny Ruff), Kim Durbin (cousin of Kenny Ruff), Floreen Johnson, Janet Ruff, Richard Palmer (husband of Debbie Ziph-Palmer and friend of Carol Wilson), Darin Hinnergardt (friend of Jeff Langdon), Brenda Fanning (step-daughter of Dorothy Masteller), Pamela Kirkpatrick-Norton and family, Dorothy Masteller, Verna Kirschner, Della Schiermeyer, Carol Wilson, Rosa and Vivine Langdon (granddaughters of Kris and Jeff Langdon), Keira Wall (great-niece of Irene Wall).

Providing One, we give thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your church, so we carry out the work of making disciples. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

 **#22** Gracious God, you are big enough and good enough to hear all prayers and so we know you hear and will answer our prayers, today. **Amen.**

We are invited to stand.

SHARING OF GRACE

We share grace with one another by waiving thus assuring each other our pledge to show God's unending love and forgiveness to each other. We say to each other:

I give you grace.

I give you grace.

 **#31** We are invited to share grace with each other.


ONLINE OFFERING SLIDE

OFFERING

#24 OFFERING PRAYER

After receiving your love and forgiveness, after receiving your holy word, we respond in offering to you, O God, our selves, our time and our money. We may not always be able to give the time and money we would like, but God, we give you what we can and most importantly we give you our very selves.

We pray together,

 We give to you, O God, our selves, our time and our money to support your church and your mission throughout the world. Be present with those who decide how to use these offerings, that they are used for your ways and not our ways. Amen.

#14 DIALOGUE

God has prepared a sacred meal for us.

We praise you, O God.

God invites us to this sacred meal; sinner and saint, wounded and healed, weak and strong.

We praise you, O God and we thank you.

PREFACE

God, you give us food to strengthen us to do the things you need us to do. This meal is sacred because your holy presence is mysteriously infused in what we eat and drink at your table. These nourish us to do your work in our church, in our community and throughout the world. In response to this gift from you, we praise your name and sing with the angels in Isaiah's vision "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." We join with the people who shouted, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

■ SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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🍽️ #24 THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We continue to prepare ourselves to receive God’s holy meal by remembering all God has done for us through Jesus Christ. God’s grace did not start with the birth of Jesus. It was always present; since the beginning of all things. God’s grace was further revealed to us in Jesus Christ, helping us understand that there is nothing we need to do to earn God’s grace. Thus, we are freed from sin to do the important work God puts before us. This meal will nourish, strengthen, and sustain us through the presence of Jesus, to do what we are called by God to do.

Now, we ask Jesus to consecrate or make this bread and cup holy with his presence. It is not magic. It is a great mystery that has been believed and practiced since the first time we participated in this meal with Jesus...

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it,
And gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

■ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen!**

#24 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host of this meal and Jesus welcomes all people. It doesn't matter if you're Lutheran or a member of this church. All are welcome at Jesus' table, so come.

COMMUNION VIDEOS:

[\(2\) Broken Vessels \(Amazing Grace\) \[Official Lyric Video\] - Hillsong Worship – YouTube](#)

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[\(2\) Amazing Grace | Kari Jobe, Darlene Zschech, and Mandisa – YouTube](#)

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#21 Communion Congregation Shot

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

When we participate in this holy meal, we are connected to all who believe throughout the world. We are connected through faith, through your presence and through your mission to share your grace with all we meet. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Go My Children with My Blessing”

Jaroslav J. Vajda

v. 1, 3



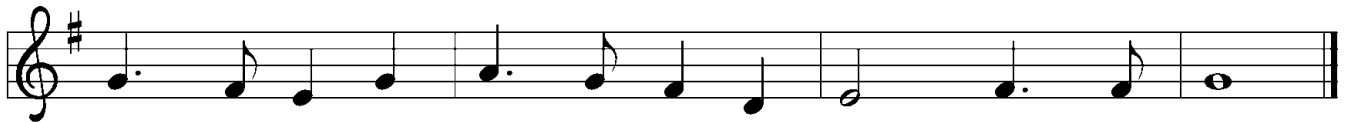
- 1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

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 #12 or #27 or #32 to show Praise Team singing

 #24 BLESSING

In the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our sustainer, we are sent out into a world that doesn’t always show us grace, and so we respond by blessing others with God’s unending love and mercy.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in grace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

#33 shows congregation leaving and Praise Team singing

Online viewers “Thank You” slide.