

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 19, 2018 ♦ 9:00 am



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. Christ, the wisdom of God today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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### GATHERING

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#### WELCOME

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.  
**Amen.**

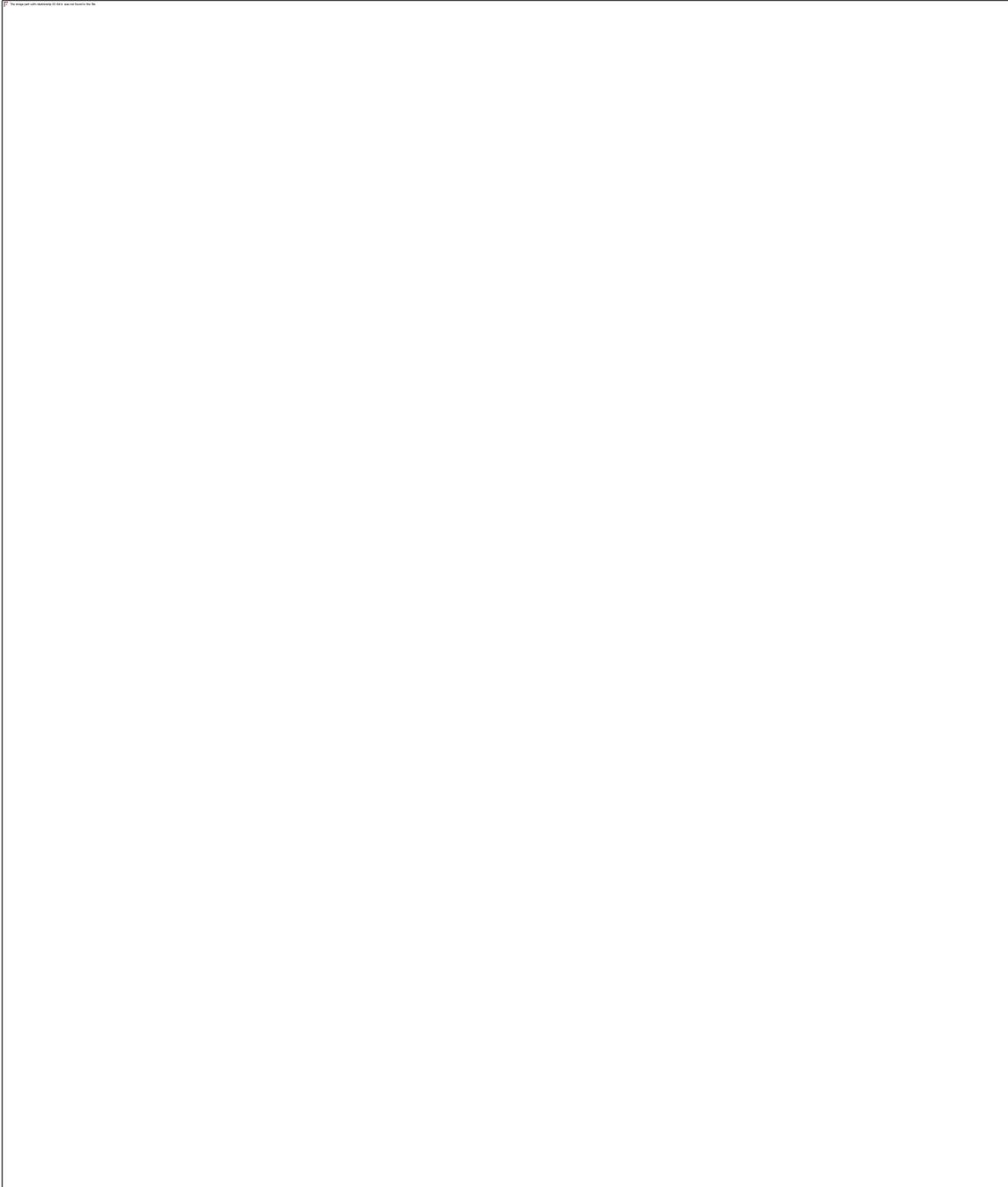
Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
**Look upon us, your children,**  
**the work of your hands.**  
**Forgive us all our offenses,**  
**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**  
**By your grace draw us near to you,**  
**our refuge and our strength;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we were still sinners;  
and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.  
**Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Voices Raised to You”



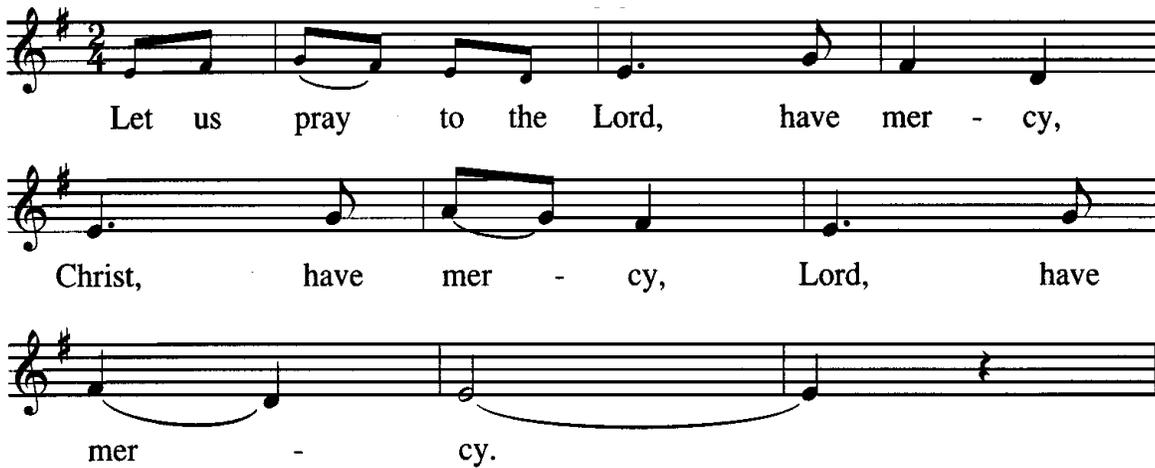
GREETING

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

In peace, in peace . . . (*refrain*)

Congregation:



Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (*refrain*)

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (*refrain*)

Help, save and defend us, O God.

Congregation:



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself  
as living bread for the life of the world.**

**Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
to serve you continually,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 9:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup> “You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”.

### SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### ALLELUIA VERSE



**HOLY GOSPEL** John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

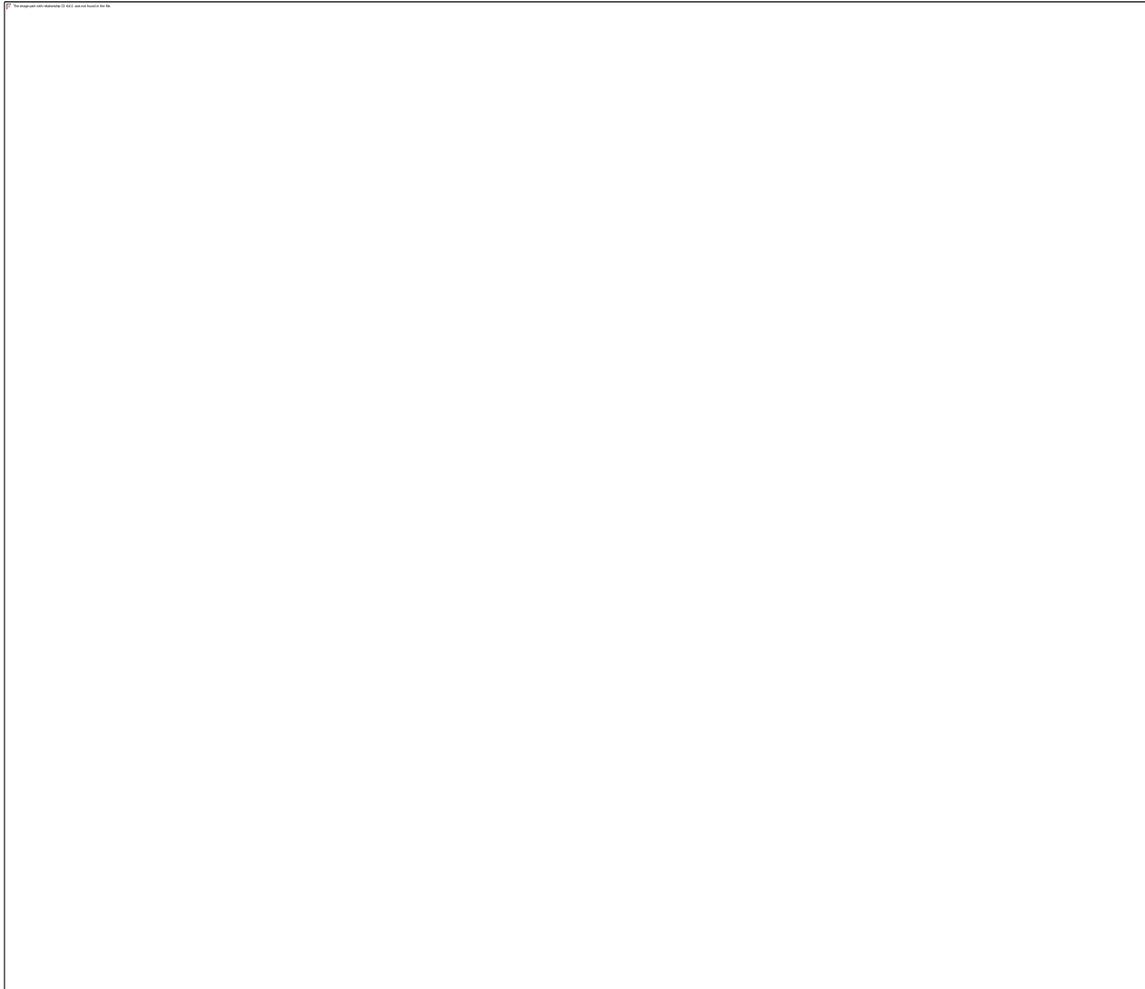
[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup> “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them

up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” (Choir alone stanza I)



**SERMON**

## 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 into hell. 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

*(response to each petition:)*

Hear us, O God,

**your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY "As the grains of wheat . . ."



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Merciful God,**

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.**

**You have set this feast before us.**

**Open our hands to receive it.**

**Open our hearts to embrace it.**

**Open our lives to live it.**

**We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Remembering his command to love one another, remembering his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -

men, Come Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*

A - men, Come Ho - ly, Spir - it. A -

men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the



u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is



yours, O God, now and for ev - er.



A - men.

## 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**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

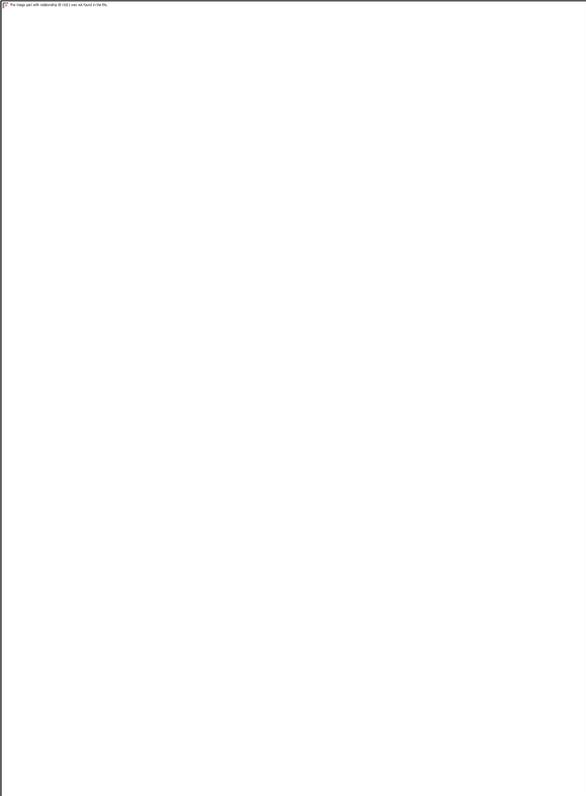


Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

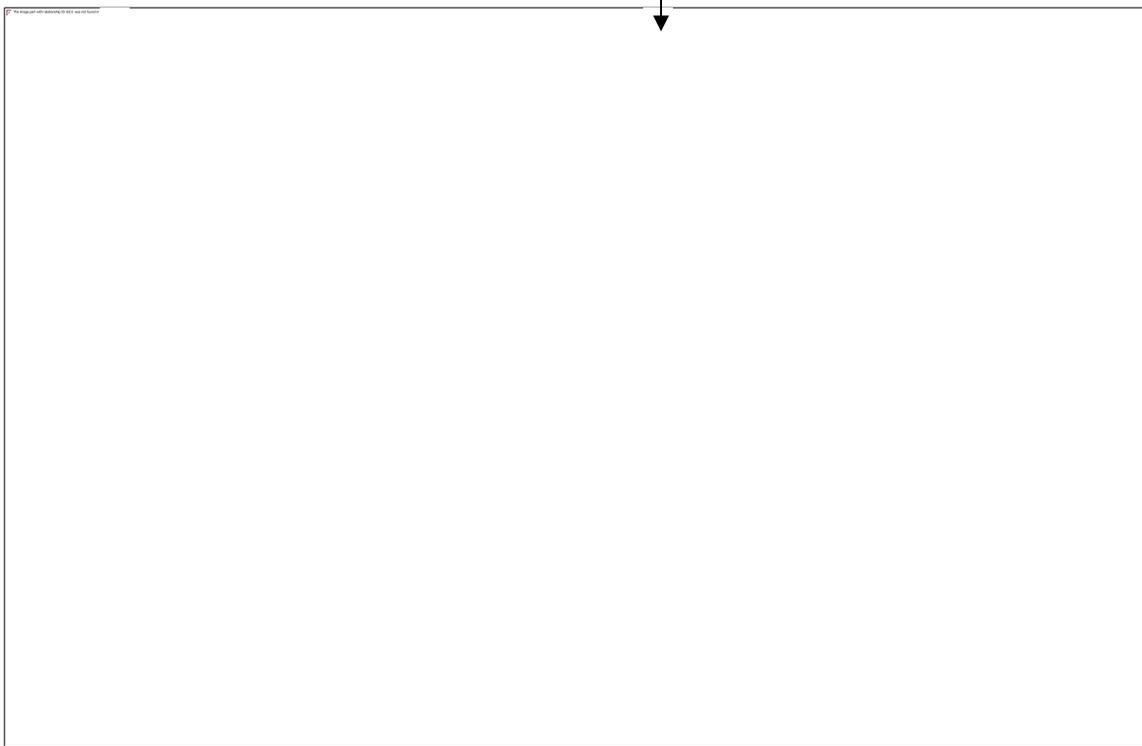
- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

COMMUNION SONGS "Come, Let Us Eat"



“Now in This Banquet” (Cantor sings verses; all sing refrain)

Refrain



You who have touched us and graced us with love,  
make us your people of goodness and light. **Refrain**

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;  
open our eyes to the glory of God. **Refrain**

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,  
bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way. **Refrain**

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind:

"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind". **Refrain in canon** (Men/boys begin; Women/girls begin at arrow. ▼)

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,  
make us your people again. **Refrain in canon** (Men/boys begin; Women/girls begin at arrow. ▼)

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!

We shall arise to be children of light. **Refrain in canon** (Men/boys begin; Women/girls begin at arrow. ▼)

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## SENDING

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### DISMISSAL

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

**Amen**

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,

**you have given us not only this bread and cup,**

**but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.**

**Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice,**

**may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen**

### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” (on next page)

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader and Preacher	Jon Marxhausen
Elder	Allen Warren
Piano	Mary Dinesen
Lector	Pam Fallert
Greeters	Franklin & Sue Hotzel
Ushers	Randy Henderson / Bruce Gilman
Acolyte/Crucifer	Kiernan Benson

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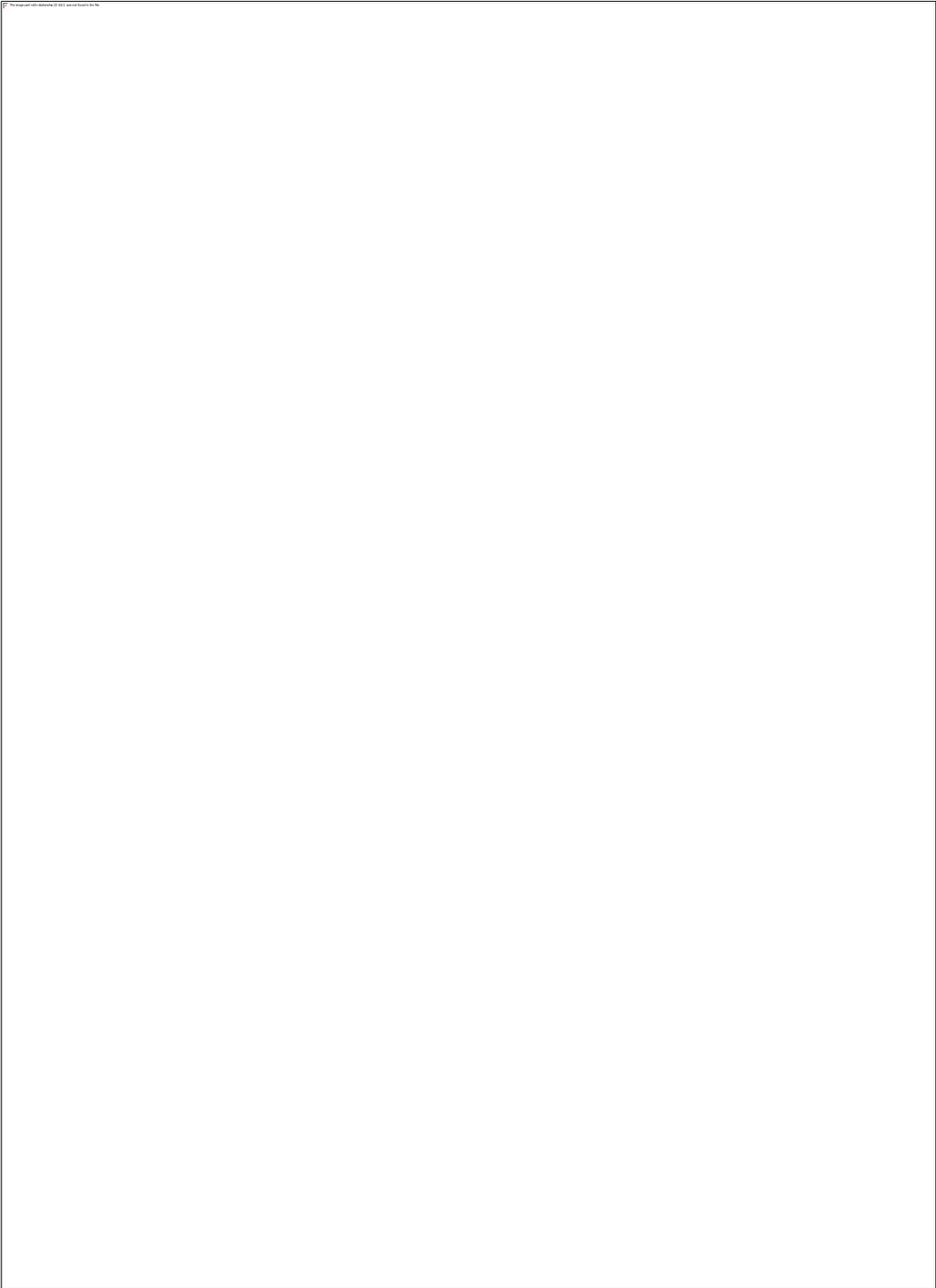
ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TREATS AFTER  
WORSHIP TODAY!

A \$1 suggested donation for treats and coffee helps us to continue to serve our fellowship times!

DON'T FORGET YOUR THREE-MINUTE MINISTRY!

Offer living bread with your hospitality today. Greet someone near you. Spend time after worship with someone you don't know well. Let's create a place of life-giving love and acceptance!

CLOSING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living"



# Welcome Friends!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.  
Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

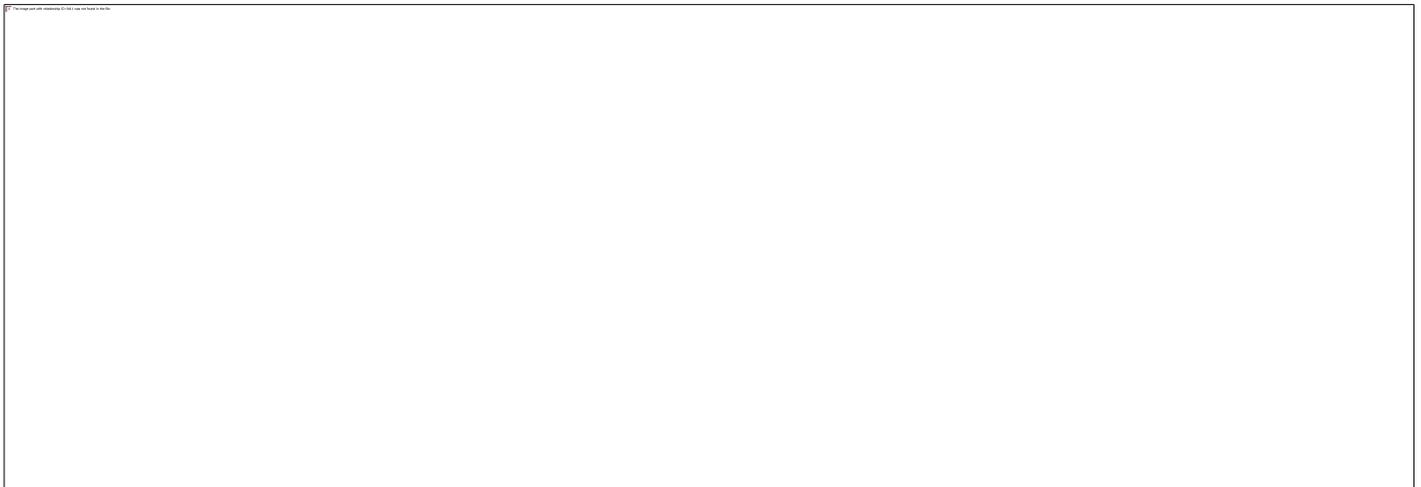
You are always welcome at Grace of God.

## GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.

## SMALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

“Busy bags” for young children are available in the classroom adjacent to the worship space near the doors.  
That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.



## MISSION TRIP SLIDE SHOW TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!

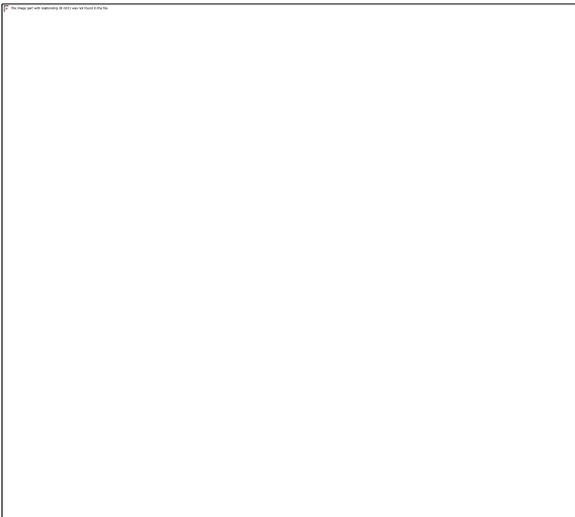
### SERVING IN WORSHIP

DATE	ELDER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS
8/19/18	Allen Warren	Kiernan Benson	Pam Fallert	Randy Henderson / Bruce Gilman	Franklin & Sue Hotzel
8/26/18	Errol Bartz	TJ Richter	Chris Fallert	Lori Ruppel / Allen Warren	Jeff & Jill Olofson
9/2/18	Errol Bartz		Sally Warren	Randy Henderson / Kathy Rehbein	Ken & Doreen Rubbert



Come join your friends at  
Grace of God Lutheran Church for a

# PICNIC



**TODAY, August 19 at 11:00 am**

*Richard Walton Park in Oakdale*

*We'll gather up for a table prayer at 11:00 am at the picnic shelter  
(watch for the Grace of God banner)*

## CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

Aug 23 – 25	TEAM 7
Aug. 30 – Sept. 2	TEAM 8 Evenson Family/Dinesen Family
September 6 - 9	TEAM 9 Shirley Muelken/Errol & Cindy Bartz/Eileen Ocone



August 19-26, 2018

**Sunday, August 19** \_\_\_\_\_

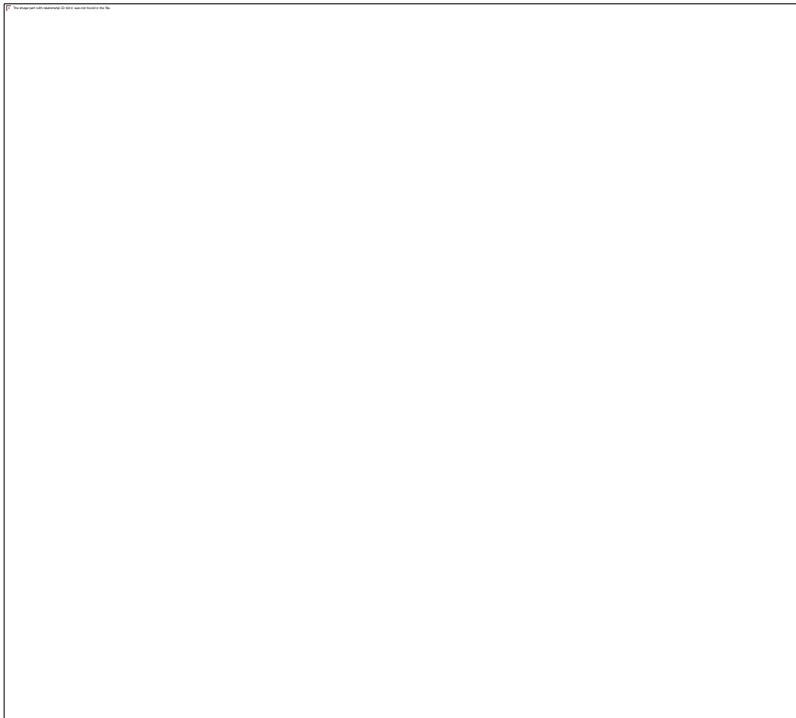
- 9:00 am PENTECOST 13  
Mission Trip Slide Show and Presentation  
Fellowship time after worship
- 11:00 am SONSHINE PICNIC

**Monday, August 20** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

**Sunday, August 26** \_\_\_\_\_

- 9:00 am PENTECOST 14  
Fellowship time after worship



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