

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**September 21, 2025**  
**9:30 am**

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Camp Hill, PA**

*\*-the congregation is invited to stand*

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

*A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this summer. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.*

*We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

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*God gathers us in unity.*

**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Rondeau for Two Trumpets*

*Mouret*

Kristopher Hartman and Pastor Chad Butz

**\*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**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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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**

Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

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*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

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**WORD**

**FIRST READING – Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.  
Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM – Psalm 113**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**  
<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.  
<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations;  
God’s glory above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,  
<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,  
<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

### **SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,  
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for  
kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a  
quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is  
right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires  
everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the  
truth. <sup>5</sup> For  
there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a  
herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a

teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in

much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

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## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

[Roxanne & Miranda Eckenrode]

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

### **\*APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

### **Address and Questions**

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*Siblings in Christ,*

do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray  
for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **Welcome**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome *these siblings* in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **\*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer concludes:*

God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

## **\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace with one another.*

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**MEAL**

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## **OFFERING**

*We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Come, All You People*

*Alexander Gondo*

Grace Chancel Choir

## **\*SETTING THE TABLE**

*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*

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1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. 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.**

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

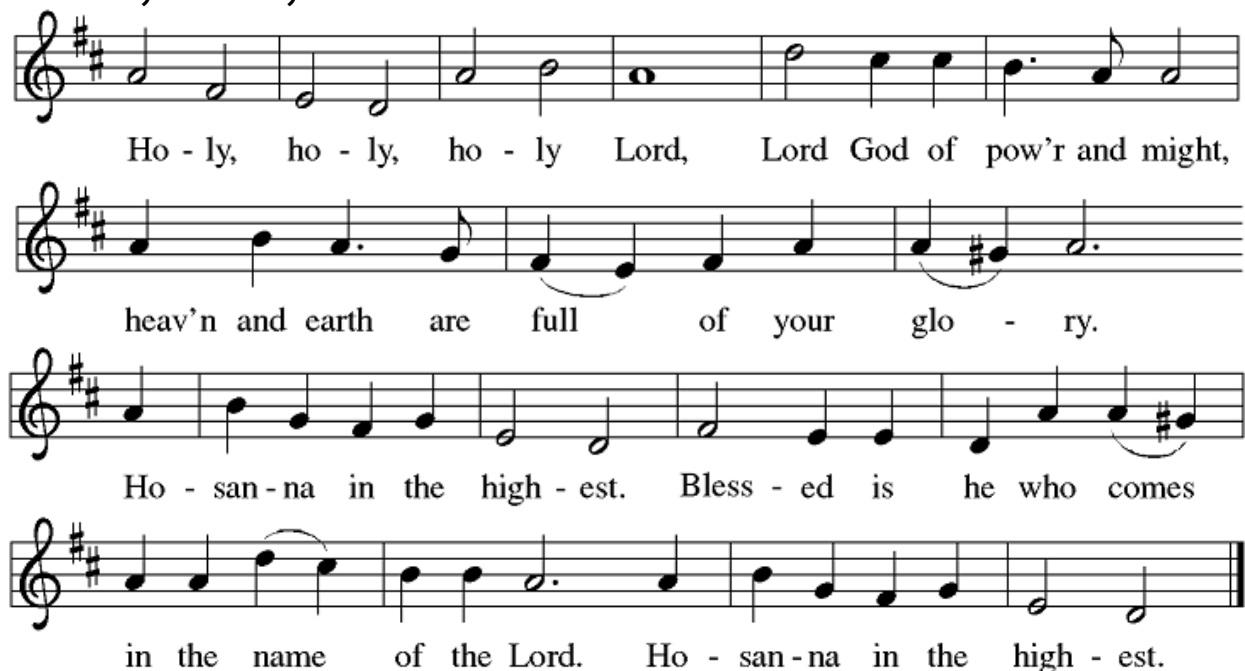
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **\*THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will  
for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
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.*

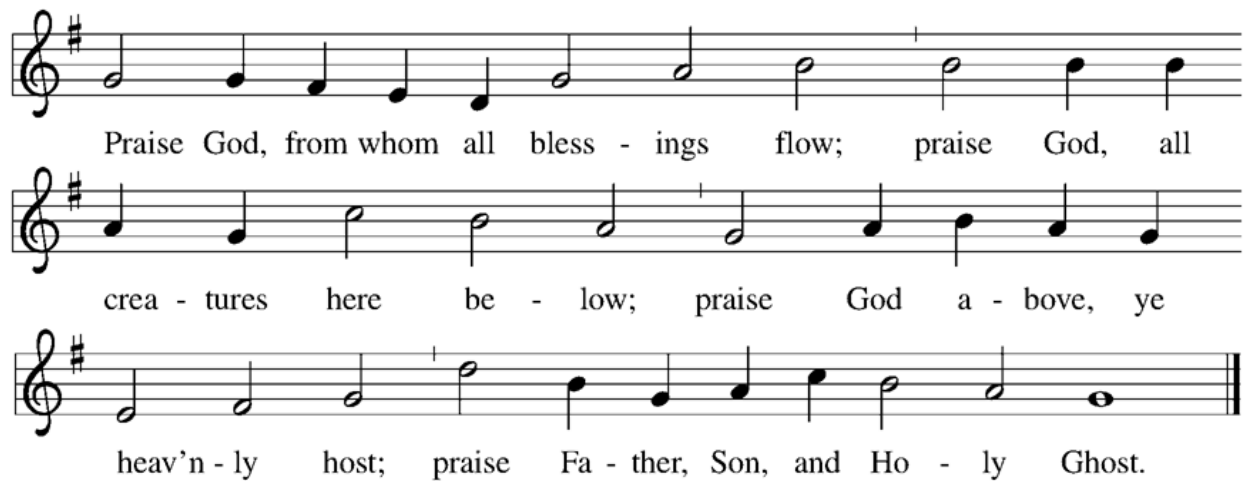
*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of  
every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **\*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.**

## **\*DOXOLOGY**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

### **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

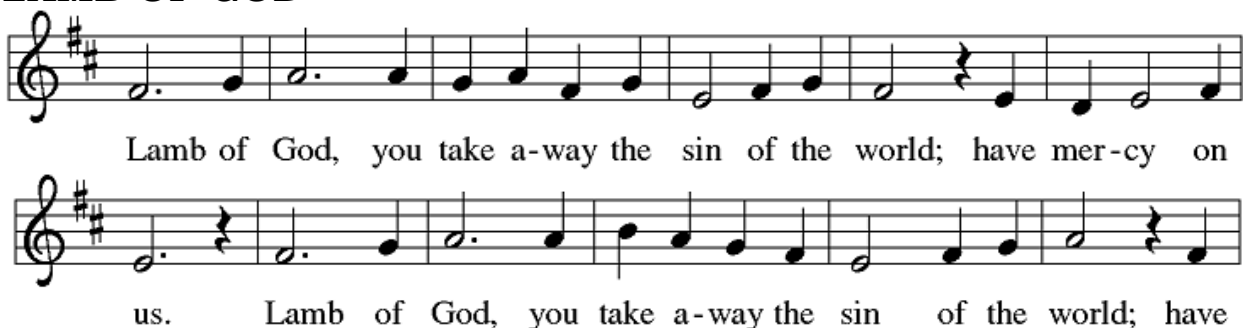
*Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.*

*Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.*

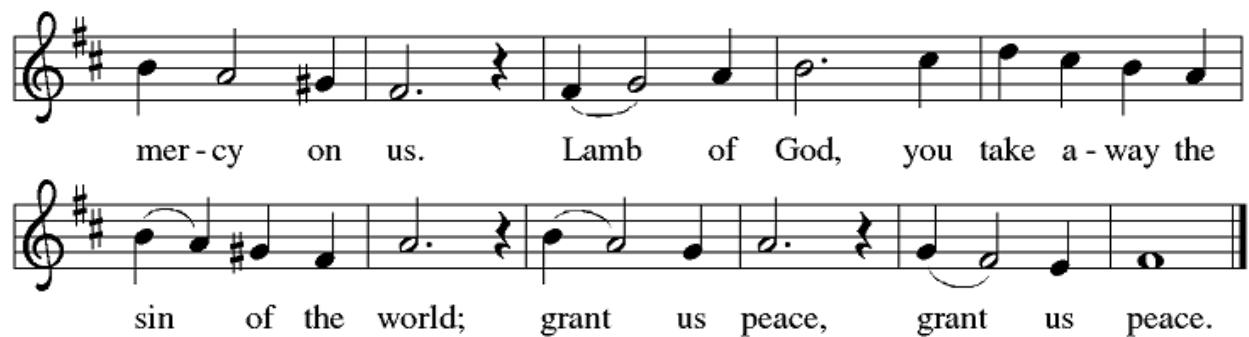
*The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.*

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

### **LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



### **\*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Let us pray. 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.**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world* **SENDING**

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### **\*BLESSING**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN**

*Rise up, O Saints of God!*

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### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Rise up, O Saints of God!*

*Festal Song*

### SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister ..... The Rev. Chad Butz  
Assisting Minister..... Steve Behr  
Lector ..... Brigitte Storey  
Acolyte ..... Kaiden Pautz  
Communion Assistants ..... Donna Enrico, George B. Osswald  
Sound ..... Larry Hoffman  
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman  
Organist ..... Emily Hartman  
Technology Operator ..... Chris Jury



**EVENTS**



**Connect With Us**



**Give Now**

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# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



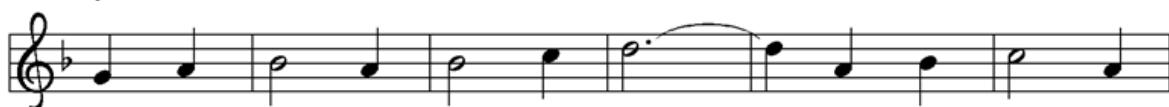
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



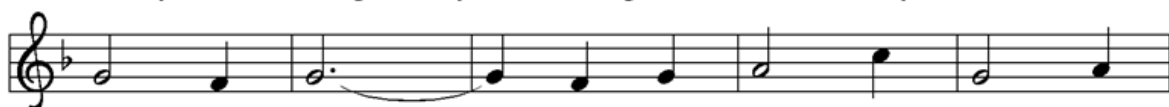
your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



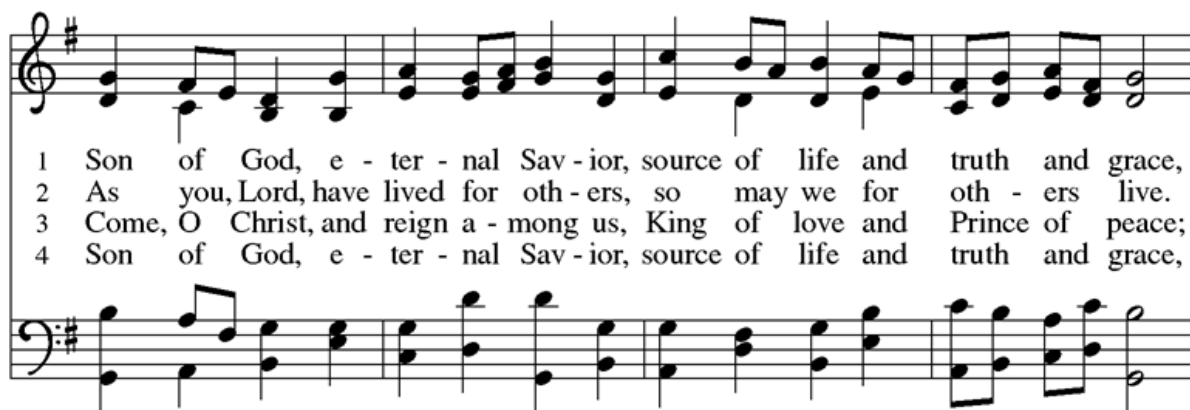
grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

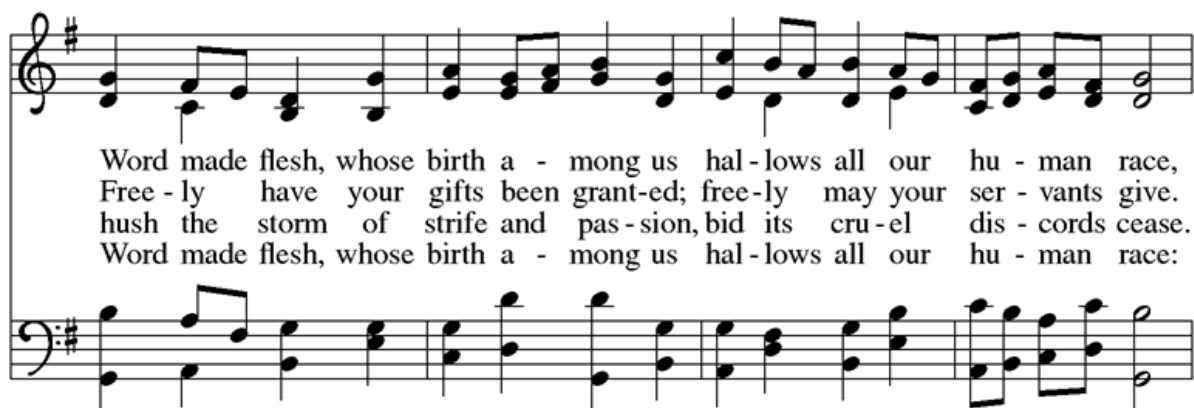
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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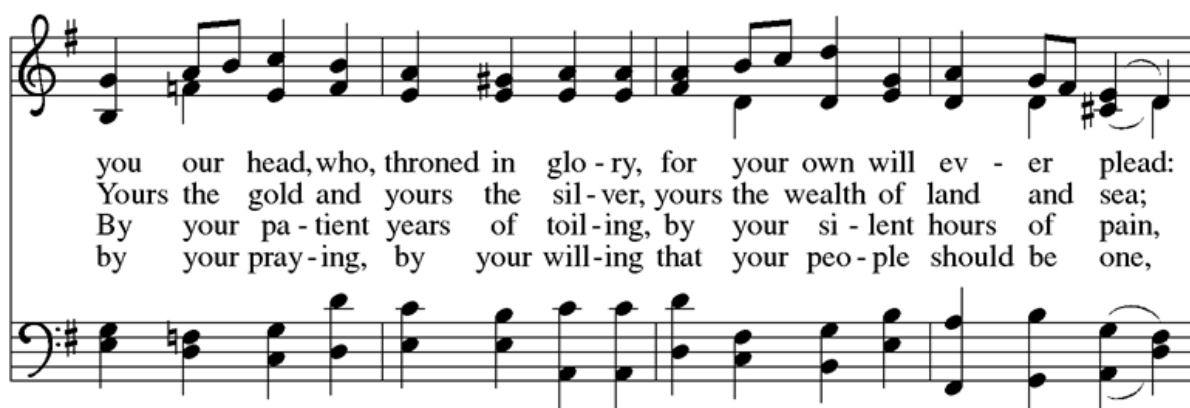
# Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with the first system containing five lines of text and the second system containing three lines. The music concludes with a final cadence in the Soprano part.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936  
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893  
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## **This Week at Grace: September 20-26, 2025**

The altar flowers are given by David & Donna Enrico in honor of Will & Mckenna Enrico.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the Glory of God.

### **We hold in prayer especially this week....**

Shirley Davis, Carole Orendorf, Ed & Elaine Klemmer, Richard Slabonik, Joe Mussari, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Judi Fenicle, Helen Titzel, Dave Rowland, Alice M., Dean Jury, the friends and family of Richard Uber and the friends & family of Ed Hurst.

### **New Members Installed**

Miranda Eckenrode and Roxanne Eckenrode are joining Grace this Sunday, 9/21. Please take a moment to welcome them after worship.

### **Community Meal**

The Community Meal will be Wednesday, 9/24 at 5:30pm. The menu this week is Baked Ziti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Assorted Desserts

### **Grace Youth Group (GYG)**

GYG will hold their first meeting of the year this Sunday, September 21, from 4:45 – 7:00pm in the Youth Room. GYG is for all youth in grades 6-12. Please contact Ethan Lentz with any questions at [ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org](mailto:ethan.lentz@gracecamphill.org).

### **Blessing of the Quilts**

The Blessing of the Quilts will take place during worship on Sunday, September 28. These quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for their Ingathering Appeal. The quilts are sewn and donated by Grace's Quilting Ministry. Grace is also collecting monetary donations for LWR shipping fund to help defray the cost of shipping these quilts overseas. The cost to ship one quilt overseas has gone up from \$3 per quilt to \$3.50. If you would like to contribute to the shipping please give your donations to the church by either writing the dollar amount next to OTHER on an envelope and listing Quilting Shipping Fund under comments or you can pay online at [www.gracecamphill.org](http://www.gracecamphill.org) under the Give tab.



## Family Promise at Grace

Grace will welcome families experiencing homelessness the week of September 28 – October 5, 2025. For each host week, Grace provides meals, a meal host, and morning & evening van drivers. You can sign up to help on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/family-promise-at-grace/2025-09-28> or contact Susan Ryder for more information at [ryder.susan@comcast.net](mailto:ryder.susan@comcast.net) or 717-574-1960.

## Trunk or Treat

We are looking for trunks or tables and members to pass out candy during Grace's Trunk or Treat in the parking lot on Thursday, October 30 from 6-8pm. Please sign-up in the parking lot hallway or by contacting the church office by Monday, October 13.

## Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in both narthexes and in the library. We'd love to hear from you.

## Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **September** is **Harrisburg Food Pantry**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the our QR Code.

## Calendar

9/20	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
9/21	9:30am 10:45am 4:45pm	Service of Holly Communion in Sanctuary ( <i>Installation of New Members</i> ) Adult Faith Formation in Small Conference Room Grace Youth Group (GYG)
9/22	6:30pm 7:00pm	Pub Theology Group 1 ( <b>Location TBD</b> ) Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
9/23	9:00am 1:00pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilting Room Bible Study in the Library
9/24	3:00pm 5:30pm	Grace Giving Pantry Community Meal in Social Hall
9/25	6:00pm 7:00pm	Bells of Grace in the Balcony Chancel Choir in the Choir Room

### **Our Story**

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

***The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith***

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