

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
July 12, 2026
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 worshiping 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

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Every Morning's Sun

Sue Ellen Page

***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,
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.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Come, We That Love the Lord

ELW#625

***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. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

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

WORD

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 65:9-13

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very
plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the
valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING – Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We Are Called

ELW#720

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the

evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW#742

***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.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each prayer concludes:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

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

I Love You, Lord

arr. Laurie Klein

Emily Hartman - organ

***SETTING THE TABLE**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are written below the corresponding staves.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. 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.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

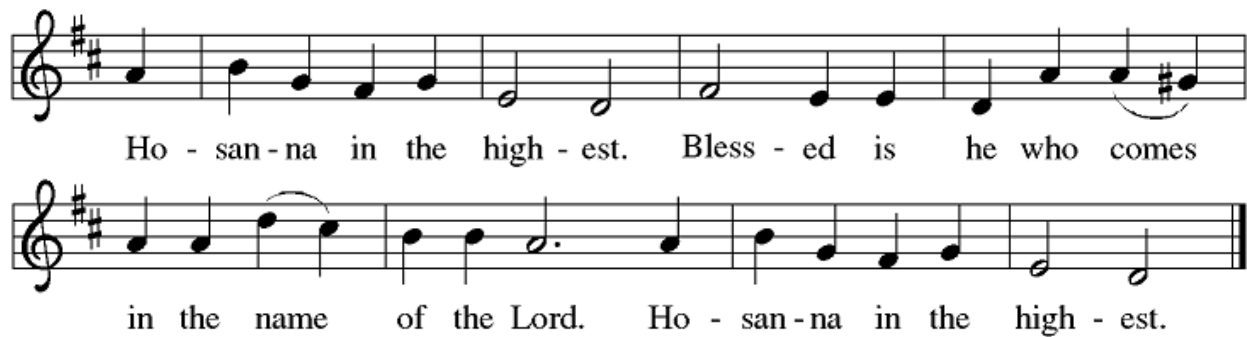
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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**





***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*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.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, 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 Blessings Flow

ELW#885

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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**

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

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.

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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW#752

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system of music is for the first line of the hymn, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are written below the staves.

*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. 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.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

*BLESSING

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

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW#779

***DISMISSAL**

Serving, Loving, Growing in Faith.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

New Britain

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding MinisterThe Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert
Assisting Minister..... Sue Painter
Lector..... Brigitte Storey
Acolyte Alexis Weber
Communion Assistants Ann Hoffman, Bonnie Barton
Sound Nate Chesky
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist..... Emily Hartman
Technology OperatorChris Jury

This Week at Grace: July 11-17, 2026

We make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

The Sanctuary Lamp for July is given by Nancy Whitcomb in memory of Paul & Greg.

The Altar Flowers are given by Ray Miller and Scott, Pam & Spencer Rickert in loving memory of their granddaughter, daughter and sister, Bridgette.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given by Eileen Moore Hartzell to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Kenneth E. Hartzell.

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Tom Zimmerman, Wayne & Veronica Butler, Elizabeth Butler, Ken & Paddy Barber, Bob Hillegas, Madelyn Kase, Mark Caron, Stacey LaPine, Mary Ryder, Jeff Johnson, Tricia Butz, Dr. Robert Little, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, Alice M., Dean Jury, the friends & family of Patricia Ensminger and the friends & family of Jason Hoffman.

We hold in prayer the recently departed....

Patricia Ensminger and Jason Hoffman

Summer Games Night

The Summer Games night scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 was cancelled due to the power outage at Grace. The next Summer Games Night will be held on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30pm. Pizza and soda will be provided as there are no Community Meals in August.



Connect with Us



EVENTS

Pastor Chad on Vacation

Pastor Chad will be on vacation from Saturday, July 11 – Friday, July 24. During this time if you need pastoral assistance or have any emergencies, please contact Pastor Eckert at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org.

Movie Night in the Social Hall

Come enjoy some free popcorn, refreshing Rita's Italian Ice, and a fantastic movie—The Mitchells vs. the Machines. The movie kicks off at 7:15pm in the Social hall, but doors open at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and family. If you'd like, bring a blanket to get comfy. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Newest Addition to Grace!

Congratulations to George & Hallie Osswald on the arrival of their baby girl, Calliope Faye Renee Osswald, born last Friday, July 3!

Upcoming Events (See the [Events page](#) on the website for more details)

7/20	Group Spiritual Formation
7/22	Community Meal
7/24	GYG Pool Party
7/26	Installation of New Members
8/3	Grace Book Club via Zoom

Grace's Merchandise Store

Want some cool Grace gear? We offer a variety of items including hats, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, a windbreaker jacket, and water bottles. A portion of the proceeds from each purchase goes back to Grace. <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-lutheran-camp-hill-merch/>.



GRACE MERCHANDISE

Special Benevolence Offering

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



Give Now

Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

If you need pastoral assistance or to request At Home Communion, please contact Pastor Chad at 717-737-0439x10 or pastorchad@gracecamphill.org. If you have a pastoral emergency outside of normal working hours you can contact Pastor Chad on his mobile phone at 610-297-2514. *A pastoral emergency would be a death, or life-threatening circumstances.*

Lost & Found Items

If you are missing a coat, a water bottle or other items please check with the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org to see if your missing item(s) may have been turned in. Items will be kept in the office for (1) month. After that time, they will be placed in the Community Aid bin in the second parking lot.

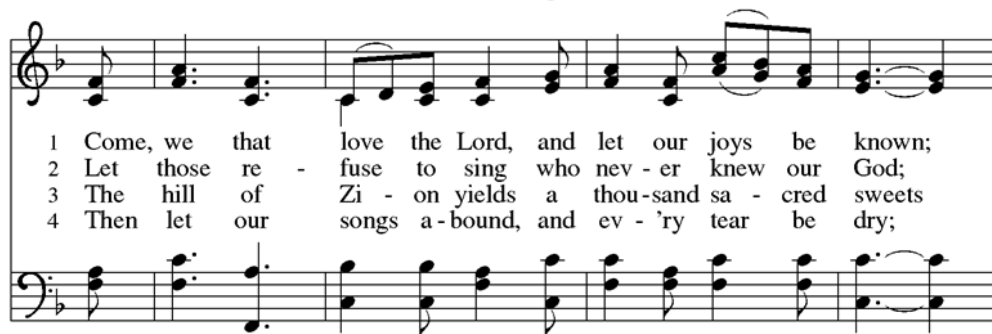
Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **This Week at Grace** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays**. Please email any information to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

Calendar

7/11/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
7/12/26	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
7/13/26	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
7/14/26	9:00am	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room
7/15/26	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
7/17/26	7:00pm	Movie Night in Social Hall

Come, We That Love the Lord

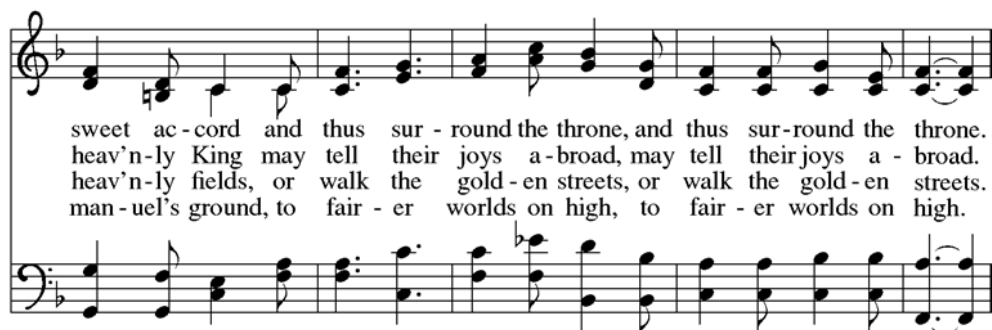
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

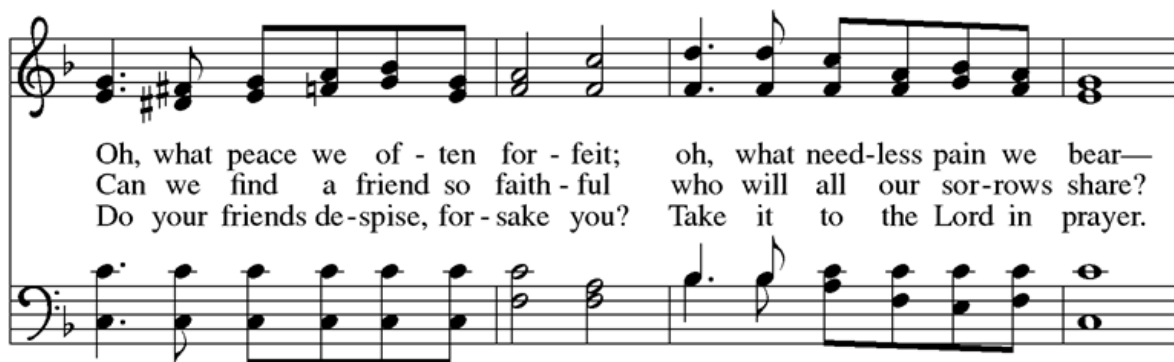
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

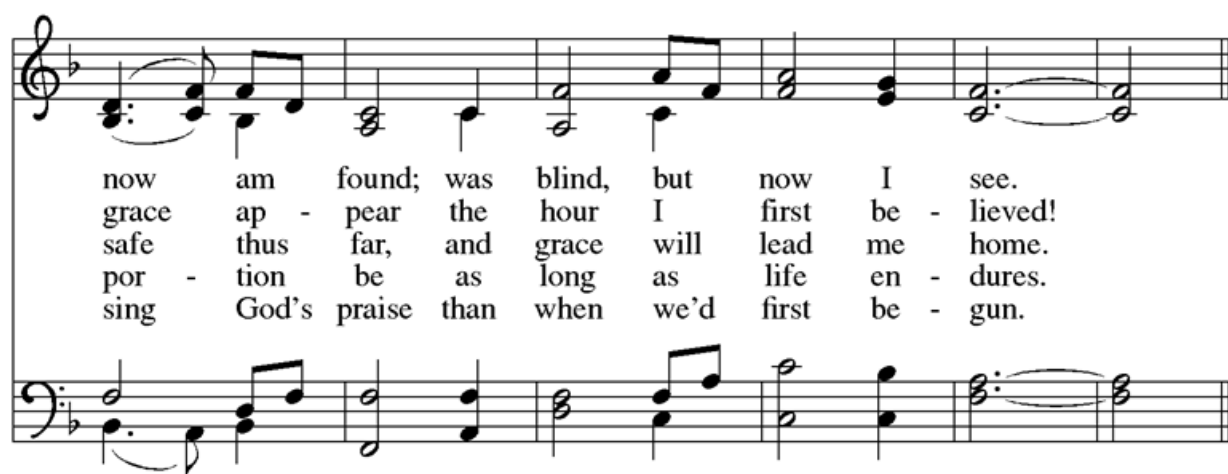
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And 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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