

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
October 11, 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 autumn. 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

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Organ and Trumpet *John Marsh*
Emily Hartman – organ, Kristopher Hartman - trumpet

***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,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW#468

***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**

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all
the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING – Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient
field will test with truth the proud - est that
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will
van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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**

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW#396

***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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

***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

Washed Anew

Thomas Keesecker

Grace Chancel Choir

***SETTING THE TABLE**

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

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.

***SANCTUS**

5 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and
praise the Spir - it, with the throng of
saints and an - gels, joined as one in
grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

***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.

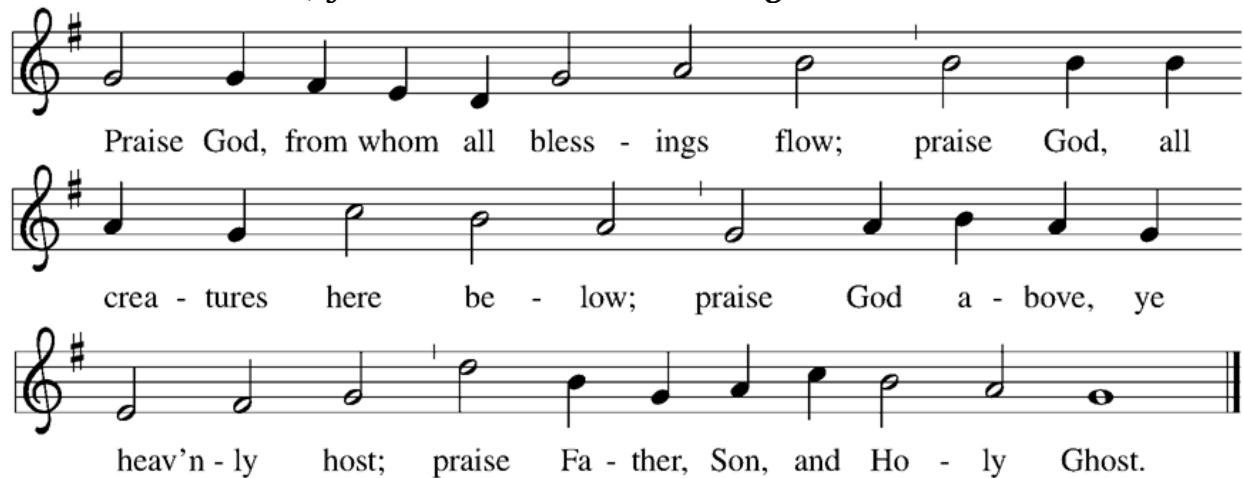
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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



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**

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

O Lord of the Harvest from "Of the Land and Seasons"



2 O Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are
van - quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your
or - chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho - rus in praise of your

love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the
 Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in
 One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the
 hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW#479

The assembly stands as able.

***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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

***BLESSING**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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***DISMISSAL**

Serving, Loving, Growing in Faith.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

The Ash Grove

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister..... Krista Snavely
Lector..... Carolyn Houck
Acolyte Vaughn Manlove
Communion Assistants Tom Blackburn, Bill Robison
Sound Tom Pautz
Director of Music..... Kristopher Hartman
Organist..... Emily Hartman
Technology OperatorChris Jury

This Week at Grace: October 10-16, 2026

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



Connect with Us



EVENTS

The Sanctuary Lamp for October is given by Brian & Lori Small in honor of grandson Josiah's 22nd birthday and granddaughter Saunee's 14th birthday.

The Altar Flowers are given by David & Donna Enrico in honor of the birthday of their grandson, Graham.

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

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Mark Daniels, Deb Overly, Eileen Moore Hartzell, Karen Brown-Pautz, David & Lori Archer Family, Adam Handwerk, Tom Zimmerman, Bob Hillegas, Jeff Johnson, Dr. Robert Little, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, Alice M, and the friends and family of Nancy Mueller.

Calendar

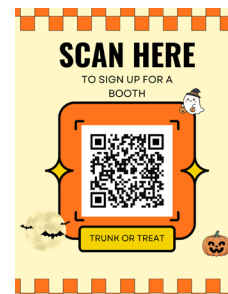
10/10/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
10/11-10/18		Family Promise at Grace
10/11/26	9:30am 10:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary Healing & Anointing Service in Barkley Chapel
10/12/26	7:00pm	Scouting America Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
10/13/26	9:00am 1:00pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room Adult Bible Study in Neal Gathering Place
10/14/26	3:00pm 5:30pm	Grace Giving Pantry Community Meal in Social Hall
10/15/26	6:00pm 7:00pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal in the Balcony Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Monthly Healing & Anointing Service

We all need healing in this world. Join the Pastors at Grace on the Second Sunday of every month, for a service of Healing and Anointing in the Chapel immediately following the 9:30am worship service. You will experience a liturgy designed around wholeness and healing, with the anointing of oil. Anointing with oil has been used over thousands of years as a sign of God's presence in our lives and God's ability to heal. Come and receive healing and wholeness.

Trunk or Treat and Haunted House

We'd love to see you at this year's Trunk or Treat and Haunted House on Thursday, October 29! If you're interested in setting up a table or a trunk, just sign up on the bulletin board in the Neal Gathering Place, at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/trunk-or-treat-and-haunted-house> or scan the QR code. Make sure to sign up by **Wednesday, October 15** so we can include you in the fun!



Operation Christmas Child

Grace will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Starting on **Sunday, October 11**, shoeboxes and brochures will be available in the Neal Gathering Place to take home and fill. When filling the shoeboxes consider selecting a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Don’t forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child’s favorite things to receive. The filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Grace and placed in the Conference Room by **Sunday, November 15**.

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

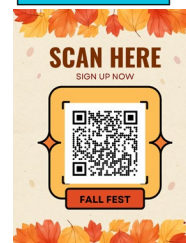
10/17-24	Journeys of Paul in Greece
10/18	Children’s Church Junior Youth Group (JYG) Grace Youth Group (GYG)
10/19	Group Spiritual Formation Grace Book Club
10/20	New Cumberland Resource Fair
10/25	Reformation Sunday
10/29	Trunk or Treat & Haunted House

Grace's Merchandise Store

Looking for some awesome Grace gear? We've got a bunch of cool stuff like hats, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, a windbreaker jacket, and water bottles. Plus, a part of every sale helps support Grace. Check it out here: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-lutheran-camp-hill-merch/>.



GRACE MERCHANDISE



Fall Fest at Kentland Retreat Center – November 1 @ 6:00pm

We'd love you to join us for an enjoyable evening filled with good food and great friends! We're hosting a chili cookoff*, along with fun crafts, music, dinner, and a cozy campfire with tasty s'mores to wrap up the night. There will be Chicken tenders for those who don't want chili along with bread, hot chocolate, and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone! Make sure to register and let us know if you're bringing chili or not by **Sunday, October 25th!** You can sign up [HERE](#), swing by the bulletin board in the Neal Gathering Place or scan the QR code. We're looking forward to seeing you there! *If you'd like to enter the chili cookoff, just bring a crockpot of chili.

Special Benevolence Offering

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



Give Now

Lost & Found Items

Have you lost an item recently? If so, please check with the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org. 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.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting Grace at one of our worship services, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in the pews, both narthexes and in the Neal Gathering Place. We'd love to hear from you.

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.

Around You, O Lord Jesus



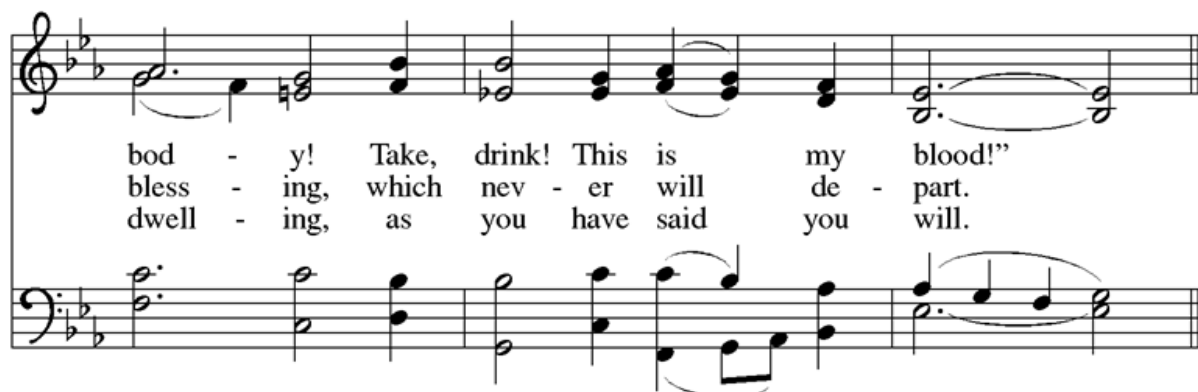
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



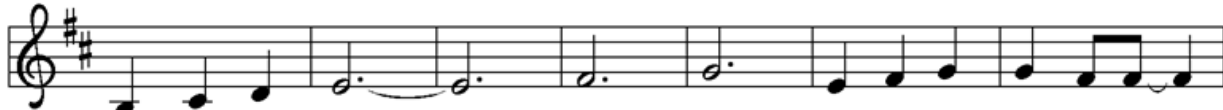
bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,



the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—



The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing



to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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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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