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**Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest**

Jesus knew his place. So, on the occasion of being invited to a sabbath meal, realizing he was being paid attention to and noticing the behavior of the guests, he graciously invited

others to find their own blessed places too. He, of course, was asking the guests to sit and dine with him!

In Palestine, Jesus' world, an invitation to share a meal was an honor reserved most always for family and closest friends. So it is among honored guests that Jesus begins this beautiful meal parable as he eyes them craving and calculating a route to the best places around the table. Listen carefully to Jesus. Pay attention to his words. If you hear only good-hearted encouragement to be charitable to the poor, you miss the lavish blessing Jesus extends to the host and guests.

You will be blessed in the company of the blind and the lame and the crippled and the poor, he says, not because they can repay you as friends and neighbors and relatives might, but because that is precisely where you will find and be with Jesus.

Mary's song, the Magnificat, found in the first pages of this very gospel that Luke passes on to us, foretells Jesus' blessings in her voice: ". . . he has lifted up the lowly . . . he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." Jesus comes not only among the poor and for the poor, he comes as the poor one—and the lame one and the blind one and the crippled one. And thus, with tender compassion looks to the host saying, "When you make your guest list, continue to invite me."

At the table of the Lord we are served bread and wine from the poor one himself, whose blessing is the gift of life. Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blessed.

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### BEFORE WORSHIP

Our Participation Card has two sides to complete. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees.

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2016

*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.*

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

## Pre-service Music

## Welcome/Worship Instructions

*Stand as you are able.*

## Gathering Music

**All Are Welcome**

**ELW 641** (red book)

*vs 1-3*

## 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 . . . O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.

**Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading:

**Proverbs 25:6-7**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

A reading from **Proverbs:**

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 112



The right-eous are mer-ci-ful and full of com-pas-sion.



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God’s commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.** ℞

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.** ℞

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;  
they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;  
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.** ℞

## Second Reading:

## Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

### ℞ A reading from **Hebrews:**

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God

▲ The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 14:1,7-14**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.*

**☞ The Gospel according to Luke.**

**☞ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for

you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### **Children’s Message**

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.*

### **Message**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**

*We Are Called*

**ELW 720** (red book)

*Kneel or sit as you are able.*

### **The Prayers**

☞ Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

☞ O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church’s powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table. Bring power to our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Sarah; our companion churches in Latvia, Honduras and Papua New Guinea, St Peter Lutheran Church in Unionville, Church of Christ in Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ We thank you for tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Protect those who serve in the military, especially Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers. Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, especially Sue Steeby, Joe Rothbauer, Jennifer Andersen, Valerie Cosgrove, Darlene Olson, Katie Leary, Al Miller, George Ulrich Jr, Deb Wood. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our congregation to be a place of support and care for healthy relationships. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Gracious God, hear the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

☞ Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

☞ Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith. Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

☞ We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☞ Amen.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Sharing the Peace**

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☞ And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)*

*Sit*

**Offering of Gifts & Music**

*Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.*

*Stand as you are able.*

**Offertory Hymn**

**We Are an Offering**

**ELW 692** (red book)

**Offertory Prayer**

☞ Let us pray . . . God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.

**☞ Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

☞ The Lord be with you.

**☞ And also with you.**

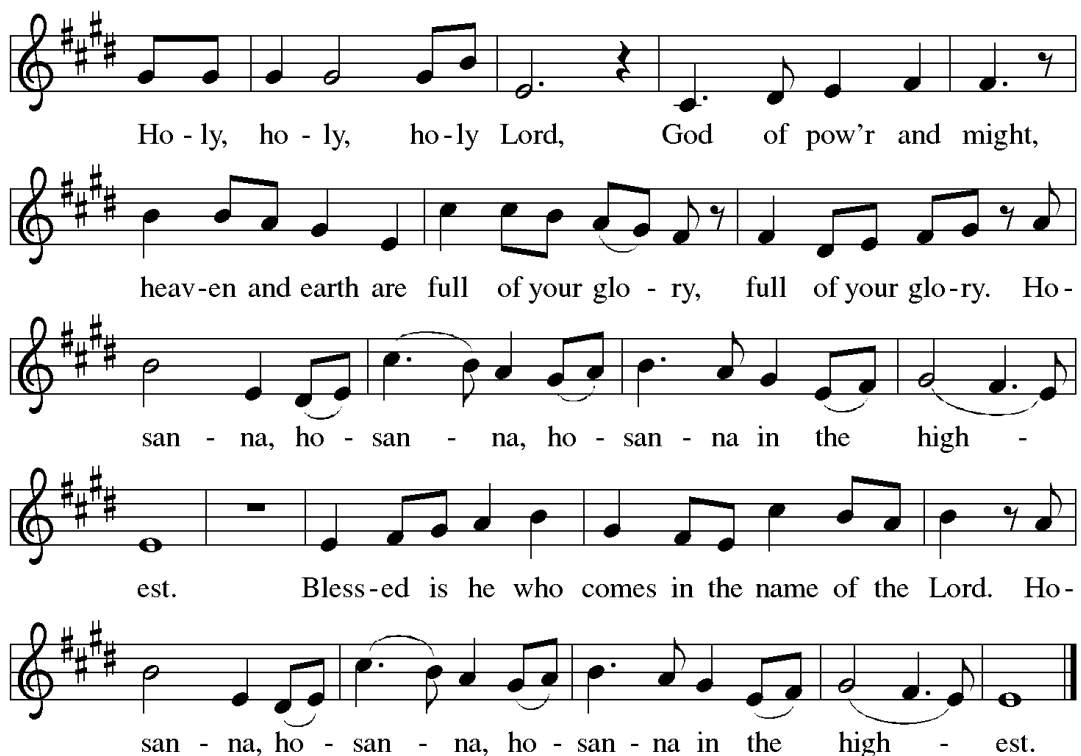
☞ Lift up your hearts.

**☞ We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☞ It is right to give God 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:



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

### Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Blessed are you, Holy God, the First and Last, life's Beginning and its End. You called us to live as your people and promised to be our God. When time and again we failed to trust your promise and refused to walk in your ways,

☑ **you sent your Word made flesh, the root and offspring of David, to dwell among us and draw us back to you.**

☞ 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."

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☞ 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."

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☞ Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts and all who share this meal. By your Spirit wipe away all tears and mend with mercy what sin has torn apart.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☞ We await Christ's coming with glad and joyful hearts.

☑ **And we long to feast forever at the Supper of the Lamb. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer



☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion:

☐ Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast of the Lord

#### *Communion at Grace*

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

#### *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 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*In the Singing*

**ELW 466** (red book)

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

**ELW 461**

*I Come with Joy*

**ELW 482**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray . . . O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

**G** **Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Announcements**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Blessing**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

*All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.*

### **Sending Hymn**

*All Are Welcome*

**ELW 641** (red book)

*vs 4-5*

### **Sending**

**A** Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*We depart for study, service and fellowship.*

## Today's Worship Leaders

8:00 am

10:00am

<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Barry Wood	Traci Wales
<b>Cantor</b>	Jack Vos	Myrina Clements
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Kuhlman	Carla Neil
<b>Communion Server</b>	Mark Anton	Phyllis Lietz
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Gavin Patton	Gabe Barnaart
<b>Usher</b>	Mark Anton	Gary/Lisa Golnek
	Lyle/Joyce Proksch	Dollie Larsen, Mark Anton
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Mark/Jana Bishop	Doug/Diane Neeb
<b>Nursery</b>	Dan/Melissa Patton	Volunteers needed
<b>Chancel Team</b>	Chris Bush	Pastor Paul

## Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, September 4, 2016

<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Lorie Gladyness	Vickey Argo
<b>Cantor</b>	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
<b>Lector</b>	Lorie Gladyness	Kristi Winick
<b>Communion Server</b>	Brenda Teegardin	Sandy Mosteller
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Katie Pohl	Emmalee Peck
<b>Usher</b>	Randy/Brenda Teegardin	Mark Anton, Gwen Hansen
	Lyle/Joyce Proksch	Sandy Mosteller, Joe Longcor
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Jack/Carol Vos	Eve Wright
<b>Nursery</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Chancel Team</b>	Wales Family	Ingrid Morgan

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>Today, August 28</b>	Worship at 8:00 & 10:00 am
<b>Monday, August 29</b>	Backpack Project 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Communication Team meeting 10:00 am
<b>Tuesday, August 30</b>	Backpack Project 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, August 31</b>	Backpack Project 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Prayer group 6:00 pm in Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, September 1</b>	Backpack Project 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Children's Church kick-off meeting 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, September 2</b>	Backpack Project 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
<b>Sunday, September 4</b>	Worship at 8:00 & 10:00 am

## Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 91

Weekly Giving: \$3,461.10

Budget Amount: \$4,233.32

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of sugar and hamburger/tuna helper. Donations can be placed in the box outside Pastor Paul's office.

The Food Bank is open 5 days a week and is run by volunteers. There are usually 6-8 family per day that stop in to take advantage of the assistance provided. If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry but do not want to do the shopping, there is a jar on the top of the food box where financial donations can be made.

**Renovation Volunteers needed**—we are needing volunteers to help with painting and the construction projects. If you can help with either, please sign up on the lists posted next to the mail boxes or complete the back of the Participation Card. If you have any questions please see Doug Neeb.

**Pre-K and early 5's Backpack Project**—If you want to donate money to this ministry, just write out your check to Grace Lutheran Church and mark "backpacks" in the memo area. A box can be found in the narthex to collect your donation of school items.

**Backpack Project—is a ministry of Grace.** Please, we need members to welcome the children and their parents and help them choose the items they want in their own backpack. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board, and you can sign up for one or more 2-hour blocks over the distribution dates, **August 29 – September 2**. Another great opportunity for opening a dialogue with the community.

**Grace Pictorial Directory** – Community Outreach has programmed a new photo directory for Grace. Picture dates have been set for **September 22, 23 and 24**. There is no charge for the directory photograph and each person/family is given a free 8x10 portrait of the picture that will appear in the directory. Schedule your appointment at the table in the narthex/Gathering Space. Or online by clicking on the icon on Grace's website ([www.grace-hastings.org](http://www.grace-hastings.org)).

**Regular Worship Hours – September 11**, Grace returns to the regular worship hours, at 8:00 am and 10:45 am. Adult class will be held between worship services, beginning at 9:30 am. Children's Church, for kids age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will also begin September 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 service only.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** – Teachers and students of any age are welcome to bring their backpacks (or not) and come forward to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year!