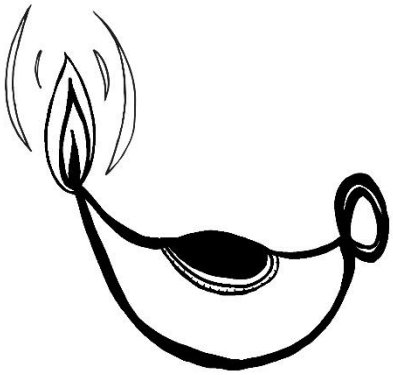
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
ELW Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

We at Grace Lutheran Church strive to reflect and proclaim the love of God shown to us by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by providing an inclusive and supportive environment through loving care and community service.

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us in person or online! We appreciate your contribution to the community today: with your voice, your presence, and just the blessing that you are. May you be nurtured by God's Word, empowered by the love of Christ, and stirred by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in this service this day, for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Grace Lutheran Church worships, prays, and serves on the traditional and unceded lands and territories of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ (Musqueam) and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) speaking peoples.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONGS: I Come with Joy (#482)
What Feast of Love (#487)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Great and loving God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading, and it leads us in our serving and ministry. Strengthen us in our work for justice, that our lives faithfully reflect your love and grace, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24
A reading from Amos.
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with

him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (#488)

CREED
Together with all welcomed to the banquet, let us confess the Christian faith with the Apostle's Creed:
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Empowered to be God's people in the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with, "by your unending mercy, O Lord," and you are all invited to respond with **hear our prayer.** By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we know that you deliver us and welcome us into the celebration of your love. May our lives reflect that truth in all that we do, that our faith be increased and our communities strengthened. By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, your wisdom is the source of life and you guide us in our community and throughout your kingdom. May our ministry reflect your wisdom, that your grace and love be seen and felt by all. We lift up in prayer our neighbouring faith communities; those who use this building for worship, work, and play; our partners Anglican Church of Canada and Moravian Church in Canada; and our bishops, rostered leaders, congregations, and ministries of the ELCIC. In particular, we pray for Peace Lutheran Church in Chilliwack and their interim pastor Dean

Andersen; and for Emmaus Lutheran Church in Burnaby and their pastor Timo Saarinen. By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, your love is displayed in the order of creation and the circle of life. May we always be mindful of the connection we share with all living things, that our stewardship be responsible and considerate to the future generations. By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are gracious in both your laws and in the forgiveness and redemption that you offer, and you show us the ways of community and peace. We pray for the nations of the world, their leaders and politicians, and all people of influence, that we all might work together and live in harmony in spite of difference. We also pray for the continued support of those that we've sponsored to come into our country: Abraham Berhane; Solyana Amanuel; and Filimon Abraha; as well as for those who have not yet arrived: Maekele Kiflu, Selam Haile, and their children; and Meri, Surafiel, Nohom, and Elita Gabramikael. By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you heal and restore us and welcome us into your joyous kingdom. We pray for those among us who are sick, who mourn, or who feel lonely, that your love and welcome shine on us all. Especially we pray for the Rostad family; Kathy and family; Bryan and Chona; Ron, Tess, and Mineko; Janet; Bev and family; John and Betty; Sukhwant; Pastor Kristen; Pastor Carol; Laura; Kandie; Will; Chris; Larry; Walter; Piet; Kelly; Betty; Ngan Kew (nan CUE); Matt; Patty; Sarasawathi (SAR-ah-sa-WAH-tee); Hugh; Wai Lan (why-LAHN); and all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts at this time…
By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you invite us to see our connection with you and all the saints for all eternity, where we all are included as the diverse body of Christ. May the lives of those that had come before us serve as a reminder of faith, love, and community, that we might be inspiring to those that come after us. By your unending mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the wisdom of your grace and love, shown to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

HYMNS OF BLESSING
United at the Table (#498)

LORD'S PRAYER
Gather into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

HYMNS OF PRAISE
Open Now thy Gates of Beauty (#533)
O Living Bread from Heaven (#542)

BLESSING
The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious onto you,
the Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (#547)

DISMISSAL
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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