

# Sunday Service with Communion

Rough Seas - Acts 27-28

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# Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

## HOLY COMMUNION

is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION:** The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

## THE SPIRIT EXPERIENCE

Luke's Story of the Spirit of God. Luke wants to tell us a story; no, he wants to give us an experience. It's about those who are enlivened by the Lord's Spirit and are going out and acting as witnesses. This is the advent of the church, where Christ body is not the church collective struggling to bring hope and life to everyone they meet.

## TODAY: Rough Seas

Paul has been passed from local official to local official. No one knows what to do with him; they think he is innocent, but he wants to stand before Caesar. This sends Paul into the chaos of the sea, riding a ship from the outskirts of the empire to the center of Rome. But along the way there are problems. Huge storms and a shipwreck show us God's love and guiding grace among difficult times.

## -THE OPENING HYMN

### All People That on Earth Do Dwell (LW 435) vs 1-4

1. *All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise  
forth-tell; come ye before Him and  
rejoice.*
  2. *Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid He did us make,  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
and for His sheep He doth us take.*
  3. *Oh, enter then His gates with praise;  
approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*
  4. *For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood and  
shall from age to age endure.*
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## --RESPONSE OF THE DAY Taken From Psalm 20

*Pastor: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!*

**PEOPLE: HE WILL REMEMBER US FROM HIS HEAVENLY HOME.**

*Pastor: May the Lord fulfill all your prayers.*

**PEOPLE: WE SHOUT FOR JOY AT ALL OF THE LORD'S VICTORIES.**

*Pastor: I know that the Lord will help his loved ones.*

**PEOPLE: GOD WILL HEAR US FROM HIS HOLY HEAVEN.**

*Pastor: Some take pride in military might,*

**PEOPLE: BUT OUR PRIDE IS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD.**

## --THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.*

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words  
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")

# -THE HYMN OF PRAISE

## We Will Glorify the King of Kings

1. We will glorify the King of kings;  
we will glorify the Lamb.  
We will glorify the Lord of lords,  
who is the Great I Am.
2. Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;  
we will bow before His throne.  
We will worship Him in righteousness,  
we will worship Him alone.
3. He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth;  
He is Lord of all who live.  
He is Lord above the universe;  
all praise to Him we give.
4. Hallelujah to the King of kings;  
hallelujah to the Lamb.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords;  
who is the Great I Am.

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## -- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)

Pastor: O Almighty God,

**PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,  
WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN  
IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.  
WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR  
GRANTED.  
WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT  
GRACIOUS.  
WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR  
OUR OWN BIASES.  
WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO  
MIRROR YOU.**

**WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO  
SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.  
WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO  
OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.  
OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES  
AND NOT ON YOU.  
RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT  
IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS,  
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.  
AMEN.**

Pastor: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.

You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

## --THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

*Listen in mercy to our prayers, Lord. Lead us to ask for whatever pleases you, so that you may grant what we desire. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

### Jeremiah 18:1-11

*Now God's message comes through another prophetic drama played out in a potter's shop somewhere in the city. The prophet sees an ordinary event but receives an extraordinary message.*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold,

like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.'

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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## THE SECOND LESSON

### Acts 27:39-44

*Paul's journey to Rome echoes classical Greek sailing adventures such as Homer's The Odyssey: It included storms, native peoples, gods, life-threatening adversity, miracles and adventure. But also we are reminded of Jesus' Life.*

Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to

the wind they made for the beach. But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

# THE HOLY GOSPEL

## Luke 14:26-33

*Jesus continues to challenge ideas about who will be in the kingdom of God and how the Kingdom will work. Those in positions of economic and religious honor here will be dishonored, and those who have been dishonored on earth will be honored in the Kingdom.*

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost,

whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

*Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

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## THE APOSTLES CREED

### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

- 1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my All shall be.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still mine own.**
- 2. Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them untrue.  
And while Thou shall smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun  
me; Show Your face, and all is bright.**

**The Apostles Creed**  
**I believe in God,**  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
**And in Jesus Christ,**  
His 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 into hell.  
The third day  
He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the  
right hand of God,  
the Father, Almighty.  
From thence  
He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!  
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!  
In Your service, pain is pleasure;  
With Your favor, loss is gain.  
I have called You Abba, Father!  
I have stayed my heart on Thee.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may  
gather, All must work for good to me.

4. Haste, then, on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heaven's eternal day's before you,  
God's own hand shall guide you there.  
Soon shall close the earthly mission,  
Swift shall pass your pilgrim days,  
Hopes soon change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, prayer to praise.

### --- THE SERMON

## Rough Seas

### ---THE OFFERTORY

*We Give Thee but Thine Own* (LW 405) vs 1 and 6

1. *We give You but Your own  
in any gifts we bring;  
All that we have is Yours alone,  
a trust from You, our King.*

2. *And we believe Your Word,  
though dim our faith, it's true;  
What we do for Your people, Lord,  
we do it all for You.*

### --- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

*Pastor: . . . Lord, in your mercy,*

**PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

### ---THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heav'n  
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

# ----THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: **May the Lord be with you!**

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.**

PEOPLE: **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

PEOPLE: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

*Pastor: The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.*

*Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.*

*And so we praise you ....*

PEOPLE: **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD,  
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH  
ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA, HOSANNA**

**HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.  
BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

## --- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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### ---- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord ( LW 240)

1. *Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you  
outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.*

2. *He who His saints in this world rules  
and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;*

*With heav'n-ly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.*

3. *Come forward then with faithful hearts  
sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks  
endow  
As in this feast of love you bless us  
now.*



# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. *Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with  
Thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

## CHORUS

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! GREAT IS  
THY FAITHFULNESS!  
MORNING BY MORNING NEW MERCIES  
I SEE;  
ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH  
PROVIDED  
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, LORD,  
UNTO ME!**

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime  
and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses  
above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and  
love. (CHORUS)*
3. *Pardon for sin, and a peace that  
endureth;  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and  
to guide.  
Strength for today, and bright hope for  
tomorrow;  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside. (CHORUS)*

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# By Grace We Have Been Saved

1. *By grace we have been saved through  
faith and not by keeping law.  
God's saints be-lieved by what they  
heard and not by what they saw.*

## CHORUS

**OH, HOW I LOVE JE-SUS!  
OH, HOW I LOVE JE-SUS!  
OH, HOW I LOVE JE-SUS,  
BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED ME!**

2. *For all have sinned and fallen short.  
God's plan not one o-beyed.  
Christ has for all ful-filled the law.  
Be-lieve, con-fess, be saved. (CHORUS)*

3. *God gave to earth a per-fect love  
through Je-sus on the cross.  
While we were foes, Christ dies for us.  
We gained by God's own loss. (CHORUS)*
4. *We know the wage of sin is death;  
thank God we shall re-vive.  
For just as Je-sus rose a-gain,  
we too are made a-live. (CHORUS)*
5. *Set free, we now have peace with God.  
Sal-va-tion is se-cured.  
How beau-ti-ful the feet of those who  
share the gos-pel word. (CHORUS)*

## ----- THE BLESSING

**Pastor:** *May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.  
May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace.*

**PEOPLE:** AMEN

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## -----THE CLOSING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (LW 435) vs 5

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory ever more.*

## ----- SENDING

**Pastor:** *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**PEOPLE:** THANKS BE TO GOD.

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### **Today** **July 28, 2019**

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8:45 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	Immediately following worship
Korean Church Worship	1:00 pm
AA	7:30 pm

### **This Week**

Via de Cristo @ Bock's home	Monday, 6:30 pm
Korean Church Bible Study	Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Mahjongg	Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Bible Study @Perkins Restaurant	Thursday, 7:30 am
Brownies	Thursday, 6:30 pm
Korean Prayer Service	Saturday, 6:00 am

For complete calendar information, go to [www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar](http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar).

**ANNIVERSARIES** Richard & Marie Harms, 7/31 (43)

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** Al Vollman & Lucille Mills 7/28.

**THE FLOWERS** adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by the Harms family in honor of their anniversary.

**REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST** In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, please make your requests in writing or email. You can make your request:

- by email either to Midge Watts, [meowatts@bellsouth.net](mailto:meowatts@bellsouth.net)
- *OR* [www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray)
- *OR* slip a completed prayer form under the office door.

Also, your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone's needs.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX.**

**QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK**

1. Read Acts 27:13-26. What happens along Paul's journey to Rome? What promise does Jesus, through an angel of the Lord, give Paul?
2. When are some times that you have felt in distress in your life? What is God's promise for you? How do you know His promise is true?
3. Read Acts 27:27-44. What does God use to preserve his people through the 14 days of the storm? What is Paul's role in this?
4. What is God's promise for us in the midst of suffering? How can you encourage a Christian friend who is going through suffering in their life?