

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator

Prelude: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” by William B. Bradbury, arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

ELW 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

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

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

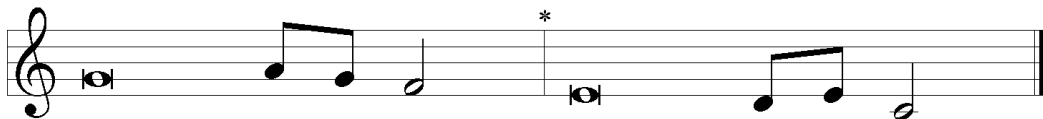
Psalm 54



God is my help - er; it is the



Lord who sus - tains my life.



1 Save me, O God, | by your name;

in your might, de- | fend my cause.

2 **Hear my | prayer, O God;**

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

4 **Behold, God | is my helper;**

it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R

5 Render evil to those who | spy on me;

in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

6 **I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**

and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from | every trouble,

and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

Psalm prayer

Second reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Leader, then all

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

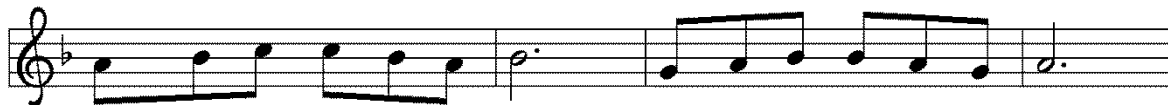
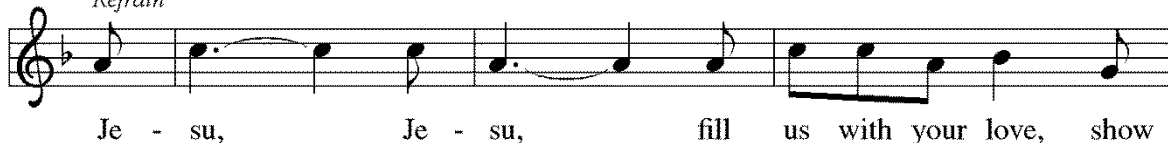
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “The Dangerous Weapon of Forgiveness” (James 4:7-8)

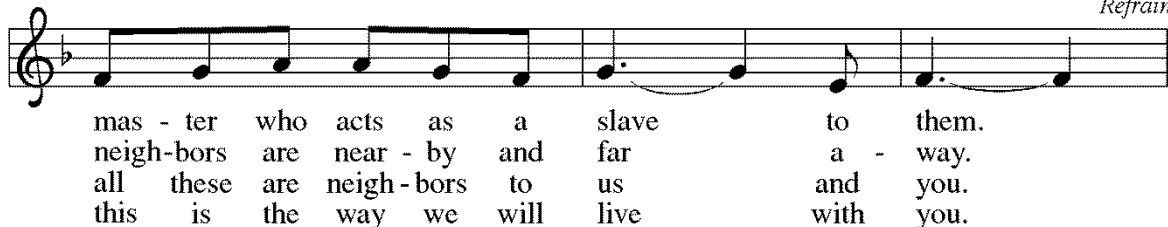
Pastor Nancy Raabe

Refrain



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



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APOSTLES' 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

To the petition "Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven...

GREETING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet those around you but we request that you refrain from shaking hands.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

(Choir and Soloist)

“The Lord is My Saving Light”

by Andrew J. Witchger

The musical score is written on three staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "The Lord is my sav - ing light; O what should I fear? The Lord is my sav - ing light; O what should I fear?" The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

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Announcements

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain in your seats until the candles are extinguished.

Postlude: “Menuet”

by Leon Boellman

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Organist, Kevin Freaney

Lector, Beth Krout

Ushers, Dave Kunkel and Bonnie/John Stangl

Acolytes, Wyeth Slugg and Elijah Krout

Video Recorder, Jeff Krout and Ken Seiler

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Coming up at Grace

- Ministry Fair following worship **this Sunday, September 19**
- Sunday School begins **today at 10:30 a.m. in the garden**
- Pastor Raabe’s installation service **today at 4:30 p.m.**
- Confirmation begins September 25 at 5 p.m. on Zoom (link will be sent)

The Apostles' Creed

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LIVING
 EVERLASTING
 SUFFERED
 CONCEIVED
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 FORGIVENESS
 DESCENDED
 ASCENDED
 SAINTS
 RESURRECTION
 COMMUNION
 CATHOLIC
 VIRGIN
 CRUCIFIED
 JUDGE
 CHRIST
 ALMIGHTY

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