Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



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

20th Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021

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Prelude: Prelude on the Hymn of the Day ... played by Kevin Freaney

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. *Water may be poured into the font.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.





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.

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



So teach us to num-ber our days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis-dom.



¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.
¹³Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry? Be gracious | to your servants. R
¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.
¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.
¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works, and your splendor | to their children.
¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork. R

Psalm prayer

Second reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Mark, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were

perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: "Finding Your Heart" (Mark 10:17-31) Pastor Nancy Raabe



Text: Matthew 6:20-21 Music, Nancy Raabe

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HYMN of the DAY: "Take My Life, That I May Be"



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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."

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.

On the night in which he was betrayed....

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

Choir Anthem: "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Beth Krout, flute*

For the beauty of the earth; For the beauty of the skies For the love that from our birth over and around us lies Lord of all to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower; Ssun and moon and stars of light Lord of all to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise Arranged by Sally DeFord

For the joy of human love; Brother, sister, parent, child Friends on earth and friends above; Ffor all gentle thoughts and mild Lord of all to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

Choral Benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by C.P. Lutkin

Announcements

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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: "Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

by L.M. Clerambault

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe Organist, Kevin Freaney Lector, Richard Badman Ushers, Bob Smyrl and Kathy Stawasz Acolyte, Cristiana Tula Video Recorder, Harold Schaefer, Dan Sarm, Tami Sarm

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Coming up at Grace:

- ★ Today through October 31: 'Fall'ing in love with Grace
- Trunk or Treat, October 23 from 12 noon-1:00 p.m.
- All Saints notebook: Now through October 31, in the notebook in the narthex you may add names of Grace members who have died in the past year, and on the facing page names of other loved ones who have died. We will remember them on All Saints (Nov. 7).
- Sunday School continues today after worship, and Confirmation continues Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom. New students are welcome to join anytime.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45