# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



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

## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator Prelude: Piano Gospel Hymn "The Love of God" Arr. Mark Hayes

'Fall'-ing in love with Grace': Week 1

#### 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.

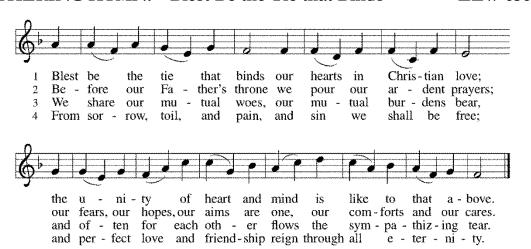
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

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.

## GATHERING HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

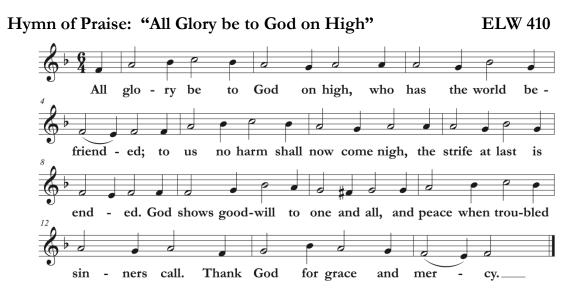
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## Greeting

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

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **WORD**

## First reading: Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

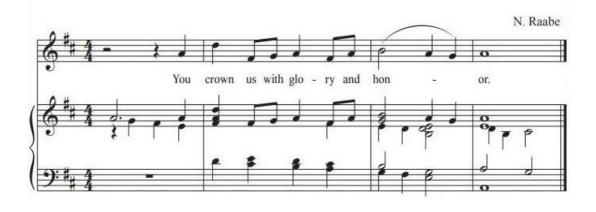
"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 8





<sup>1</sup>O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them? Refrain

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:

7all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field, 8the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! Refrain

Psalm prayer

## Second reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

8subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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



**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

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

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

SERMON: "Created as Equals"

#### 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.

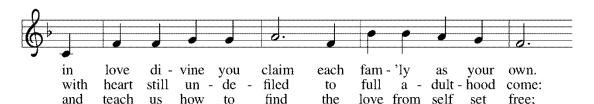
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## HYMN of the DAY: "Our Father, By Whose Name"

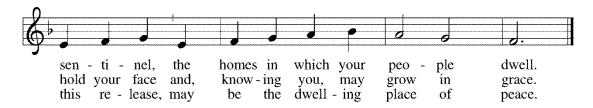
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- 1 Our Fa ther, by whose name all par ent-hood is known,
- 2 O Christ, your self a child with in an earth ly home, 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty







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#### **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.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

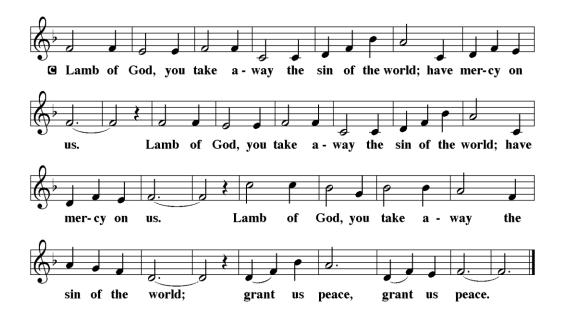
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Communion will be received in your seat.

#### LAMB OF GOD



## Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

## "Make me a Channel of Your Peace" Arr. Mark Hayes/Freaney

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope Where there is darkness, only light And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console To be understood as to understand To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace It is in pardoning that we are pardoned In giving to all men that we receive And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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: "Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

## Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe
Organist, Kevin Freaney
Lector, Laura Slugg
Ushers, Don Capanear and Jeff Krout
Communion Assistant, Jaime Snyder
Altar Guild, Emily Woltmann and Bonnie Stangl
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## Psalm 8: The Majesty of God

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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, add deaths of Grace members in the past year (since last November) to the notebook in the sanctuary, along with the deaths of loved ones in other places.
- Sunday School continues today after worship, and Confirmation continues Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom. New students are welcome to join anytime.