

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

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



July 24, 2022  
The Seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

*Today we welcome Rev. Mary Konopka as our guest pastor.*

**Prelude: Prelude on an Old Irish Church Melody**

**C.V. Stanford**

**Welcome**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



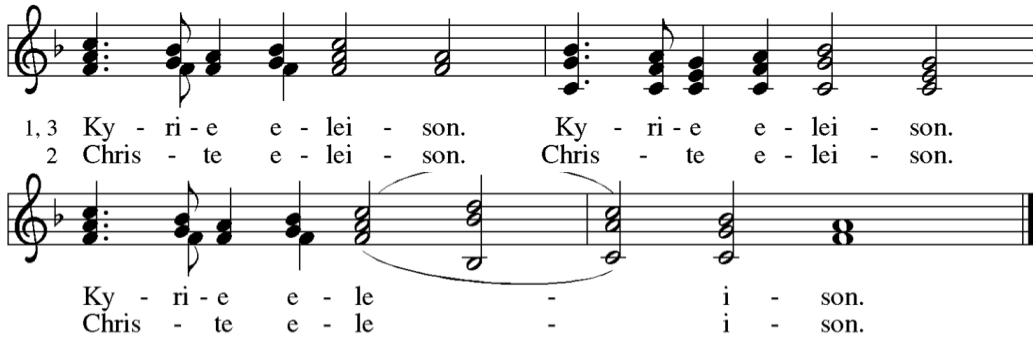
Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

## Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.  
Chris - te e - le i - son.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff contains two measures of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first measure has a 1, 3 above it, and the second measure has a 2 above it. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff also contains two measures of music, with the same treble clef and key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. A large bracket connects the end of the first staff to the beginning of the second staff.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are

found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” <sup>32</sup>Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138



## Psalm prayer

P. God of creation and fulfillment, help us to seek and discover your purposes,  
that we may become willing instruments of your grace,  
and that all the world may come to love and praise your name,  
in the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

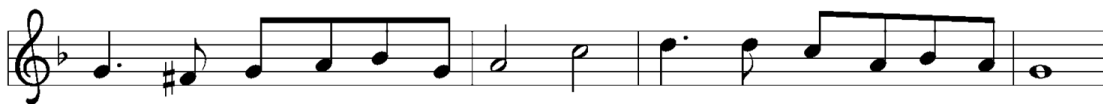
**Rev. Mary Konopka**



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## PRAYERS

To the petition “Merciful God” please respond, “Receive our prayer.”

## LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven.....**



## GREETING OF THE PEACE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

## OFFERING

*Offerings may be placed in the plates at the sanctuary entrances. We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. You may choose various forms of safe and easy electronic giving by credit card or direct deposit. Forms are in the narthex, or ask us for help getting signed up.*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude: Voluntary in Bflat

Samuel Wesley

*The **Virtual Pipe Organ** heard in today's worship service is The town church of Bückeberg, Germany. The church's first organ was completed in 1617. During the centuries, the organ was changed many times. In 1962, the organ was destroyed by fire. The current organ, built in 1965, is a recreation of the original organs disposition based on written accounts of the organ by Michael Praetorius, musician and composer of the Renaissance era. This organ is not tuned in what we know today as "equal temperament". Its tuning is slightly off-key to modern ears, in an "un-equal temperament" and should be played alone and not with the Allen sounds. However, the tuning can be altered at the click of a button, making it possible to be played together with the Allen. Another unique aspect of this organ is that it has no "expression" controls, so all the volume variations are done by adding or subtracting stops on the organ. Regardless of these unique characteristics, it blends very well with our Allen Protégé Organ. The audio samples are produced by Sonus Paradisi.*

### Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Mary Konopka

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

### Next Week's Readings

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*Search out wisdom, for all is vanity*

**Psalms 49:1-12**

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom.*

**Colossians 3:1-11**

*Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God*

**Luke 12:13-21**

*Jesus says: Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God, your treasure*

Lector: The Slugg Family

Ushers: The Slugg Family

Acolyte: Jayson Tula

Council Offering & Lockup: Don Capanear

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

## Jesus Our Friend

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PRIVILEGE  
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Ordained in 1982, the **Rev. Mary Konopka** retired in 2013, after serving for sixteen years at Redemption Lutheran Church in NE Philadelphia. Currently, she works part-time as the Office Administrator at St. Mark's in Conshohocken. In addition, she serves from time to time as a Supply pastor, a retreat facilitator in many of the congregations in the SE Pennsylvania Synod and edits doctoral dissertations. Previously, she served congregations in St. Louis, Detroit and Ohio, has served on a variety of Synod task forces and committees as well as providing decades of leadership in lay training and education through the Diakonia program.

A native of Long Island, and now a resident of Eagleville, she enjoys playing her accordion and bass guitar, writing, fishing, travel with friends, and extended summer vacations with her family on Lake Cayuga in upstate New York.

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**Coming up at Grace:** Piano Concert with local piano teacher, Dan Green and some of his students, including Julian Nguyen, the young pianist who has played at Grace in the past. It will be held on July 30th at 2pm. Grace members are all welcome to attend!

Devotions by Pastor Raabe are included in this quarter's edition of **The Word in Season** (July-September). Copies are available as you enter the sanctuary.

**During the Week** Join Pastor Raabe for the Night Prayer service Monday at 9pm, and look for her Sermon Trailer by Wednesday, both on our Facebook page.