

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

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



July 3, 2022
The Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost

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*Be sure to have a pew hymnal within reach for today's hymns.
Please signal an usher if you need one.*

Prelude: The Gift to be Simple

Arr. Dale Wood

Affirmation of Mission Statement and Welcome

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

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

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.

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,

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.

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.

Gathering Hymn: God of Our Fathers

LBW 567



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

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 - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away

in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Word of God, word of life.

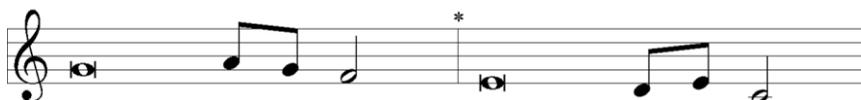
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-9

Kevin Freaney



All the earth bows down be - fore you and sings out your name!



¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands;
be joyful, | all the earth.

²**Sing the glory | of God’s name;
sing the glory | of God’s praise.**

³Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows | down before you,
sings to you, sings | out your name.” R**

⁵Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God’s deeds | toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on
foot,
and there we re- | joiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸**Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. **R**

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Handwriting Analysis

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

*PRAYERS

To the petition “God of Grace” please respond, “Hear our prayer.”

*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.

Music at the Offering: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

*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

A. 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.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song: I Am the Bread Of Life

led by Kevin

Refrain, all:

**And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Join us after worship for a special Independence Day coffee hour and singalong!

Postlude: Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa/Arr. Martin Setchell

The Virtual Pipe Organ heard in today's worship service is the Organ of the First Lutheran Church of Long Beach, California. Completed in 1976 by the W. Zimmer and Sons Organ Company from Charlotte, NC. The audio samples are produced by the American company, Evensong Music Company, who records and produces organ sample sets of American Organs. The sounds of this pipe organ are played in combination with our Allen Protégé Organ.

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Cantor: Richard Badman

Lector: Richard Badman

Ushers: Kay Deussing & Kay Stone

Communion Assistant: Frank Stone

Altar Guild: Kay Stone

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

Next Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD will take delight in your fruitfulness

Psalm 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths

Colossians 1:1-14

The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the merciful Samaritan

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Coming up at Grace

- Sign up now for the Summer Youth Service Camp July 12-15 at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/22youth> or call Pastor Raabe.

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.

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