

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

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



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The Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost

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We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the “things that are above.” To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord’s supper and the encouragement of God’s word from the lectern and pulpit.

Prelude: “Stretch Forth Thine Hand to Heal”

Robert Hebble

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.

Greeting

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)

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

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

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
 vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it

to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

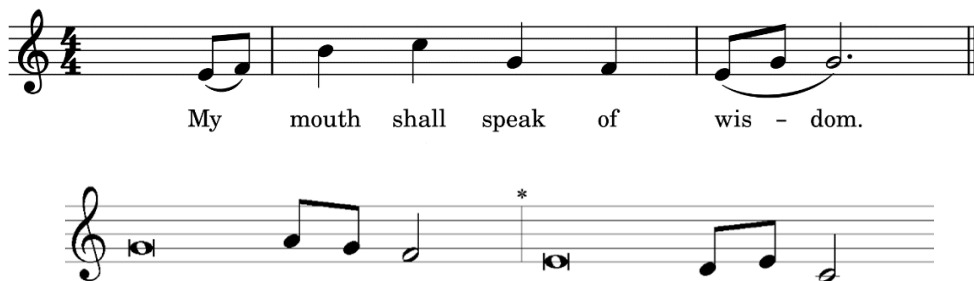
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

Refrain

Kevin Freaney



- ¹Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,
²**you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**
³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. R**
⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**
⁷One can never re- | deem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;
**8for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

**10For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation
to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

**12Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish. R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The True Wealth of Relationships

Pastor Nancy Raabe

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

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HEALING

Introduction

P. Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Brief silence.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace.
Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness, or anxiety.
O God, we lift our hearts to you:



Mighty God,
mercifully grant strength to the weak
and comfort to those who suffer,
that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.
O God, we lift our hearts to you:

Be still and know....

God of peace and reconciliation,
bring an end to the sickness of the world,
especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.
O God, we lift our hearts to you:

Be still and know....

Holy God, Holy One,
your Son prayed that your people may be one.
May the gift of baptism be a power
for healing the church's brokenness,

and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.

O God, we lift our hearts to you:

Be still and know....

Loving God,

mend broken relationships and bring peace

to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world.

Other petitions may be offered, including particular needs and requests for healing.

O God, we lift our hearts to you:

Be still and know....

Pastor:

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed...and those whom we remember before you in the silence of our hearts. Heal the pain of all who grieve.

Brief silence.

O God, we lift our hearts to you:

Be still and know....

O God, we bring these prayers before you,
knowing that you will hear us as you have promised,
and will answer according to the mercy
shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Laying On of Hands

P. Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive
a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands may come forward. As you return to your seat you may pass by the font to light a candle honor or in memory of a loved one.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray.

Living God, through this anointing,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

When they are afraid, give them courage;

when afflicted, give them patience;

when dejected, give them hope;

and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all,

to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey,

be now and evermore your sure defense,

and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation

is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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OFFERTORY



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



bles - sing. 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

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

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: Lift High the Cross

Arr. Donald Busarow

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Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: Richard Badman

Ushers: Kathy Stawasz & Kay Deussing

Council Offering & Lockup: Don Capanear

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 15:1-6

God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai

Psalms 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God

Luke 12:32-40

God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have

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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 for the coming Sunday, both on our Facebook page.

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