

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

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



August 7, 2022
The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost

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Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Prelude: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Arr. Dale Wood

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.

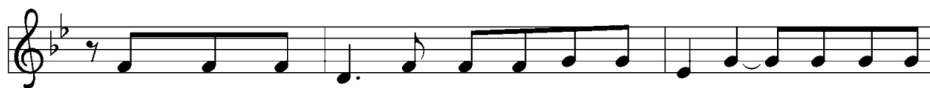
Amen.

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.

Gathering Hymn: How Great Thou Art

ELW 856



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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)

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33

Let your lov - ing - kind - ness be up -
on us, as we have put our trust in you.

- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!
- ¹³**The LORD looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.**
- ¹⁴God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.
- ¹⁵**God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds. R**
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- ¹⁷**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- ¹⁹**to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
- ²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: “Faith...or Fear?”

Pastor Nancy Raabe

BY
faith

HYMN of the DAY: Evening and Morning

ELW 761



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
 2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;
 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
 4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
 calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
 though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
 O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!
 that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.
 af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.
 gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
 Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
 Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing;
 hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
 guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;
 these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
 hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.
 all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.
 when in your man - sions you grant me a place.
 and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Presentation of New Members: Barbara Hess, Sue Rowbottom, and Bev Smith

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these new members, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member or household.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters in Christ,
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism
among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome these sisters in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Hymn: All Are Welcome (stanza 3), ELW 641

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter, wine and wheat: a
5 ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground where peace and jus-tice meet. Here the
9 love of God, through Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we
13 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come, all are wel-come,
17 all are wel-come in this place.

PRAYERS

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

P: We give you thanks for our new members, Barbara, Suzanne, and Beverly, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

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

We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries.

Offerings may be placed in the plates at the sanctuary entrances. You may choose various forms of safe and easy electronic giving. 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

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.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Gigue

Johann Christoph Friedrich Bach

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship to welcome our new members to Grace!



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Jeremiah 23:23-29

God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks

Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: Slugg Family

Ushers: Slugg Family

Communion Asst: Kathy Stawasz

Altar Guild: Mary Jane Moyer

Acolyte: Carol MacDonald

Coffee Hour: Carol MacDonald

Council Offering & Lockup: Jeff Krout

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Women in the Bible

I	I	C	R	T	L	P	Z	J	A	H	A	R	I
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H	E	S	T	H	E	R	M	A	I	R	I	M	R

- HULDAH
- BILHAH
- JEZEBEL
- ESTHER
- ORPAH
- SAPPHIRA
- DEBORAH
- RAHAB
- SALOME
- DRUSILLA
- SIPHRAH
- HAGAR
- RACHEL
- MIRIAM
- TABITHA
- REBEKAH
- ZILPAH
- PRISCILLA

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