

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

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



Sept. 18, 2022
The Fourteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
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Asterisks denote those parts of the service in which the congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude: More Love to Thee, O Christ

William Doane/arr. Lani Smith

***Welcome and Affirmation of Mission Statement**

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.

***Blessings for Teachers and Students**

Please respond to each petition, “We praise you, O God.”

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The children are invited to come back to the font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.



P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P. 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 you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

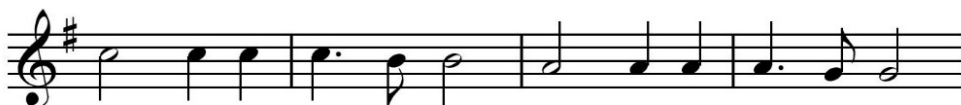
*Gathering Hymn: More Love to Thee



1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise;



Hear Thou the prayer I make On ben - ded knee;
Now Thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
This be the par - ting cry My heart shall raise;



This is my earn - est plea:
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
This still its prayer shall be:



More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

*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.

***Hymn of Praise: Soli Deo Gloria (stanzas 1 and 4)**

ELW 878



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

***Prayer of the Day**

P. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

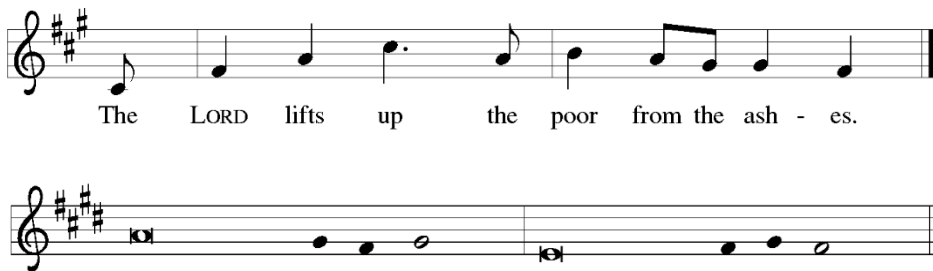
⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.



Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113



¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;
God's glory a- | bove the heavens. **R**

⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,

⁶but stoops | to behold
the heavens | and the earth?

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

⁸enthroning them | with the rulers,
with the rulers | of the people.

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! **R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Caribbean traditional



*Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is

dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

Sermon: Your Best Bet

Pastor Nancy Raabe

*Holy Spirit, right divine, king within my conscience reign;
Be my guide and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. (ELW 398 v5)*

***HYMN of the DAY: O Jesus I have Promised**

ELW 810

Apostles' Creed

A. 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.**

***PRAYERS**

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

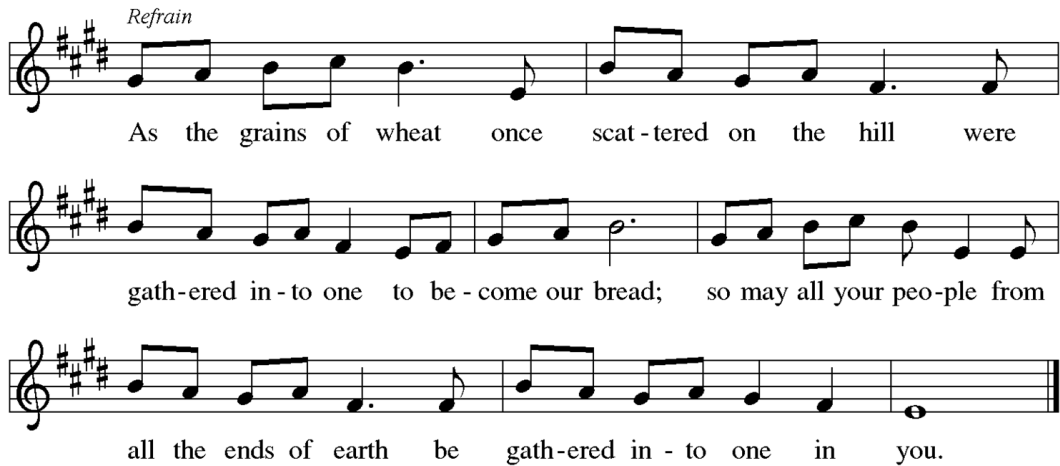
***GREETING OF THE PEACE**

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

***OFFERTORY**

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Let us pray.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

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...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

*Thanksgiving at the Table

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

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P. God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **C. Amen.**



*DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Westminster Abbey “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” ELW 645

Music Note: "More Love to Thee"

Inspired by the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee," the text was written by poet and hymn writer Elizabeth Prentiss (1818-1878), a native of Maine. She was described as a bright-eyed, petite person with a keen sense of humor, but she experienced a time of struggle and wrote the text to this hymn as a prayer that Christians make the love of God his or her highest aim in life. The tune "Doane" was written for this text by William Doane (1832-1915), composer of over 2,000 gospel songs including many for Fanny Crosby.

TODAY'S VIRTUAL ORGAN: *The Virtual Pipe Organ heard in today's worship service is the St. Anne Moseley Pipe Organ in Birmingham, England. The audio sample set is produced by Milan Digital Audio. The sounds of this pipe organ are played in combination with our Allen Protégé Organ.*

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Serving today – Thank You!

Preacher and presider: Rev. Nancy M. Raabe
Minister of Music: Kevin Freaney
Lector: 8:00am, Seilers, 10:30am, R. Badman
Ushers: 8:00am, Seilers 10:30am, C. Tula, J. Krout
Communion Asst: 8:00am, Seilers, 10:30am, B. Hess
Altar Guild: 8:00am, J. Swartz, E. Woltmann
Acolyte: 10:30am, Cristiano Tula
Crucifer: 10:30am, Jayson Tula
Coffee Hour: Don Capanear
Council Offering & Lockup: Jaime Kaler
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

Next week's readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy

Psalm 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?

Luke 16:19-31

Poor Lazarus and the wealthy man

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