

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



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



Nov. 13, 2022
23rd Sunday after
Pentecost
8:00 and 10:30 am

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
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The end is near. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live, strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Prelude: Blessed Jesus, We Gather Here

J.S. Bach

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever. **C. Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.

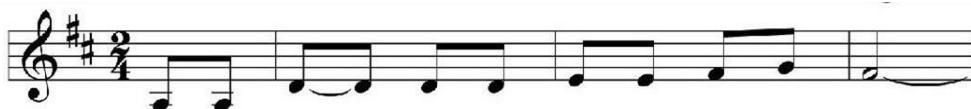
Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**



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: "For the Troubles and the Sufferings" ACS (All Creation Sings) 1051



(Leader) 1 For the trou- bles and the suf- ferings of the world,
 (All) 2 Lend an ear to the ris - ing cry for help



God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
 from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!



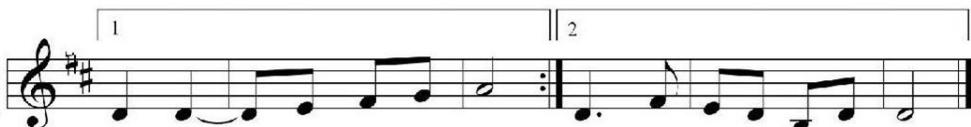
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
 Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!



(All) We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
 We pray for power, the power that will sus -



comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
 tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom



brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.



Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,

with the harp and the | voice of song.

**⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge
the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Caribbean traditional

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Sermon: “The Time is Near (Not)”

Pastor Nancy Raabe

Silence for reflection

HYMN of the DAY: O Day of Peace

ELW 711

Apostles' Creed

P. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C. 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

To the petition "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "Receive our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

P. God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

**Music at the Offering: Go Ye Into the World
Grace Choir (10:30 only)**

Natalie Sleeth



Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the Gospel to all the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all the believers

Go ye, go ye into the world, And I will be with you there!

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.

Verse: As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**

*OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P. The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW 805

DISMISSAL

P. We enter to worship. **C. We leave to witness.**

P. Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **C. Thanks be to God.**



Postlude: Preludium in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

JUMP INTO MUSIC

(Interested children gather in the music area immediately following the Postlude)



The Virtual Pipe Organ heard today is the Organ of St. Emmeram's Cathedral in Nitra, Slovakia. The cathedral's history goes back to the medieval times. The style of the building and the organ is that of the Baroque period, when composers such as J.S. Bach were alive. While the current organ is new, it incorporates around 200 of the historic, original organ pipes. This organ was recorded and produced by Piotr Grabowski from Poland. 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
Organist, Kevin Freaney
Lector: 8:00am, Walter Family; 10:30am, R. Badman
Ushers: 8:00am, Walter Family;
10:30am, Crystal Tula
Acolyte: 8:00am, Walter Family; 10:30am, C. Tula
Coffee Hour: Diane Ball
Council Offering & Lockup: L. Kratz & J. Kaler
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Coming of the shepherd and the righteous Branch who will execute justice

Psalm 46

I will be exalted among the nations.

Colossians 1:11-20

Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood

Luke 23:33-43

Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise



Please come to our joint Thanksgiving Eve service with Heidelberg UCC on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. (note earlier hour). Take time from your meal preparations to worship, thank God for the abundance that we enjoy at this time of year, and to be woven together in fellowship and song. Hear excerpts from Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, sing your favorite hymns, and show off that wonderful Grace hospitality by staying after for a light reception to visit with old friends and make new ones.

Things in Church

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