

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



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



Nov. 20, 2022
Christ the King
8:00 and 10:30 am

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
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It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified as a criminal, appearing to all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise, giving us the final victory.

Prelude: Largo
(10:30, Trumpet and Organ)

G.F. Handel

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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

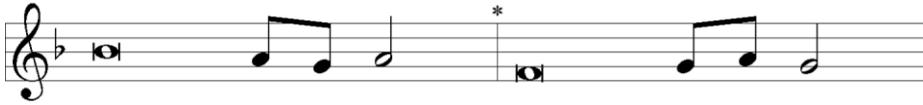


⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 46





¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Caribbean traditional

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

Sermon: In Our End is Our Beginning

Pastor Nancy Raabe

Silence for reflection

HYMN of the DAY: My Song is Love Unknown

ELW 343

Rite of Confirmation (10:30 only)

We warmly congratulate Gianna Herculini on her confirmation today.

PRAYERS

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



GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

Music at the Offering: Take Me to Higher Ground

Carl Strommen

Grace Choir (10:30 only)

Bring me to the promised land. Lead me to the light. Walk me to the mountain top, and take me to higher ground. Climb, gonna climb up those golden stairs. Cast off all your care, all your woe. Show, show me a better way, and take me to higher ground. Stand tall when you're all alone. Lift, lift your head high! Set your eyes on the mountain top. Walk on to higher ground. Walk to that higher ground. Lead me on to the light, lead me and bring me to the promised land. Take me to higher ground. Stand, stand tall when you're all alone, fly away, fly and keep, keep your eye on that

mountain in the sky, and take me to higher ground. Take me to higher ground. Walk me now to the mountain in the sky, and take me to higher ground!

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.**

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

P. Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

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: In the Singing

ELW 466

Youth Chimes (Meditation on Pachelbel's Canon in D)

These are kids who have recently participated in "Jump into Music."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

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: Finale (from Symphonie 1)

Louis Vierne

JUMP INTO MUSIC

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

Today's organs: The organ of the St. Etienne Abbey in Caen, France, (a large Cathedral-style building). This pipe organ is a French Romantic style instrument built by Aristide Cavallé-Coll, completed in 1885. Since 1975, the organ has been listed as a national cultural heritage. The audio sample set represents a very live and grand acoustic. Many organ pieces such as Widor's Toccata in F major, were written by French composers who played Cavallé-Coll pipe organs. Also, the Parish Church Santa Maria Assunta di Giubiasco. The church is located near Bellinzona in Switzerland and dates from the 12th century. The modern organ was built in 2008 by the Mascioni Organ Company in Northern Italy. Before the Prelude today at 10:30 Worship, we hear the virtual carillon of Ghent, one of Belgium's oldest cities. The region is flooded with UNESCO World Heritage belfries; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization" are places of importance to cultural or natural heritage. The belfries represent civil independence, and their bells were used for marking the routine in daily life. Today the towers form the city skyline and are popular tourist stops.

Our joint Thanksgiving Eve service with Heidelberg UCC is 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 at a light reception to visit with old friends and make new ones.



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Serving today – Thank You!

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Organist, Kevin Freaney

Bell Ringers: Wendy Walter, Tami Sarm, Beth Krout, and Carol MacDonald

Trumpet: Will Shaffer

Crucifer: Elijah Krout

Lector: 8:00am, The Seilers; 10:30am, B. Krout

Ushers: 8:00am, Don Capanear;

10:30am, J. Krout & K. Deussing

Communion Asst: 8:00am, The Seilers;

10:30am, K. Stawasz

Altar Guild: 8:00am, L. Kratz; 10:30am, E. Woltmann

Acolyte: 10:30am, Elijah Krout

Coffee Hour: Kay Stone

Council Offering & Lockup: L. Kratz & J. Kaler

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

***Christmas tree decorating after 10:30 worship on
December 4. Stay and help us be merry and bright!***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Weapons of war transformed into
instruments of peace*

Psalm 122

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go
to the house of the LORD."*

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man



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