



Grace Lutheran Church
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September 15, 2024
17th Sunday after Pentecost – 8 and 10:30 a.m.

*Sermon series: The crucible of faith: Four women prophets
and their courageous responses to God's call*
Part III: Huldah

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Today we welcome organists Pat Keen at 8 a.m. and Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin at 10:30.

**Prelude: (8:00) The Summons (Will You Come & Follow Me) Kelvingrove
(10:30) Toccata and Meditation on 'Crucifer' ELW 660**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

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

ELW Setting 10



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?



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

Psalm 116:1-9

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and follows the text. The lyrics are: "I will walk in the pre-sence of the Lord, I will walk in the pre - sence of the Lord." The word "pre-sence" is hyphenated in the first line, and "pre - sence" is hyphenated in the second line. The second line begins with a measure rest (marked with a '3') before the first note.



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me**
whenev- ¹ er I called.
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon me;
I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name ¹ of the LORD:**
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹ save my life.” R
⁵Gracious is the ¹ LORD and righteous;
our God is full ¹ of compassion.
⁶**The LORD watches o- ¹ ver the innocent;**
I was brought low, ¹ and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹ O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt ¹ well with you.
⁸**For you have rescued my ¹ life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my ¹ feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk in the presence ¹ of the LORD
in the land ¹ of the living. **R**

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring

pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Children's Message

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my

followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: Huldah, Prophet and Canonical Authority

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Christ is the Life

ACS 927

APOSTLES' CREED

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 “Hear us, O God,” please respond, “Your mercy is great.”

GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. C. And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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Music at the Offering: (8:00) Such Love Harkness/Arr. Kelley
(10:30) Meditation from “Partita on Crucifer” - C.Callahan

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

WOV Setting 5



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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **C. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: (8:00) Festival Postlude
(10:30) Joysong**

**Tours, Arr. Blake
C. Cooman**

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe
Organist: Pat Keen (8); Deacon Bruce W.
Tonkin (10:30)
Cantor: Frank Stone (10:30)
Lector: 8:00, B. Schmidt; 10:30, J. Kaler
Ushers: 8:00, P. Schmidt;
10:30, Jeff Krout & Kay Stone
Communion Asst: 8:00, B. Schmidt;
10:30, J. Kaler

Altar Guild: 8:00, Don Capanear;
10:30, Emily Woltmann
Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, J. Kaler
Coffee Hour: Kay Stone
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00, Dave
Kunkel; 10:30, Tom Salter
Video Team: Harold Schaefer,
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