



Grace Lutheran Church  
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September 22, 2024  
18th Sunday after Pentecost  
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Annette Dittman, Director of Youth Ministries  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

*Today we welcome guest Pastor Rev. John Berntsen while Pastor Raabe is on vacation and we also welcome organists Pat Keen at 8 a.m. and Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin at 10:30.*

**Prelude: (8:00) Children of the Heavenly Father** **Robert Hobby**  
**(10:30) Abbot's Leigh-Passacaglia, Fughetta and Finale**

## **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: God Is Here!**

**ELW 526**



## 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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

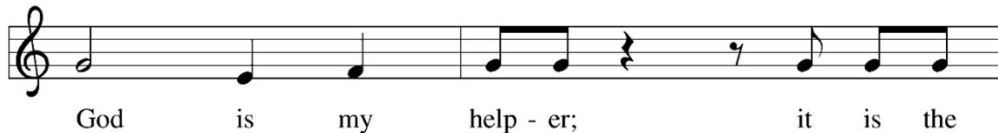
<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.



Word of God, word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 54



<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, | by your name;  
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my | prayer, O God;**  
**give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,  
those who have no re- | gard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God | is my helper;**  
**it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who | spy on me;  
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**  
**and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from | every trouble,  
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

## **Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

*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 9:30-37

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN of the DAY: Children of the Heavenly Father**

**ELW 781**

**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) Around You, O Lord Jesus  
(10:30) Thy Holy Wings**

**David Schelat  
arr. J. Ferguson**

*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.**

## 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.**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

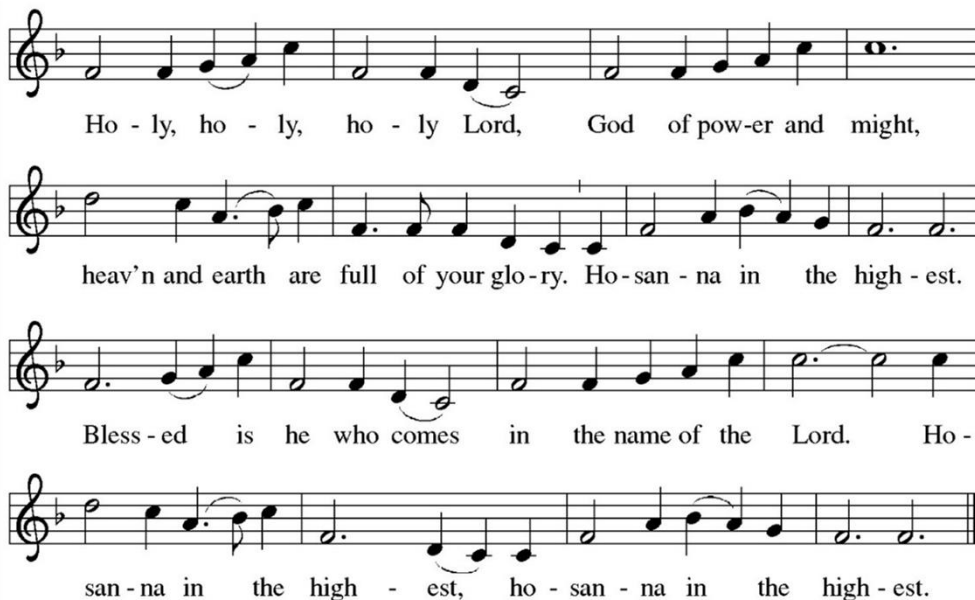
....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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: Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

*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: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

### DISMISSAL

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

**Postlude: (8:00) Nocturne  
(10:30) Trumpet Finale**

**Mendelssohn/Arr. Parks  
J. Stanley, arr. S.D.Wolff**



### Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. John Berntsen  
Organist: Pat Keen (8:00);  
Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin (10:30)  
Lector: 8:00, D. Kunkel; 10:30, J. Shaffer  
Ushers: 8:00, D. Capanear & D. Kunkel;  
10:30, K. Heacock & M.J. Moyer  
Communion Asst: 8:00, TBD;

10:30, K. Stawasz  
Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, Usher  
Coffee Hour: Diane Ball  
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00, Dave  
Kunkel; 10:30, Tom Salter  
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## WORD SEARCH: The Many Words of James 3

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Q D V E T E I S H N O U R H  
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partiality  
hypocrisy  
righteousness