



Grace Lutheran Church
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October 13, 2024
21st 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 organist Susanna Faust
and rejoice in the baptism at 10:30 a.m. of Anthony Rae Shriver-Wesley.*

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor, perhaps meaning that we can find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Prelude: Troubled Waters

Margaret Allison Bonds

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.



Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffé.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

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 *sung to ODE TO JOY*

ELW Setting 10

Glory be to God in heaven;
 peace, goodwill to all the earth.
 Mighty God of all creation,
 Father of surpassing worth:
 we exalt you, we adore you,
 we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and angels bow before you;
 here on earth our songs we raise.

Holy One we now acclaim you;
 Lord alone, to you we call;
 Holy One in faith we name you,
 throned on high, yet near to all:
 Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
 in the Father's splendor bright.
 For the peace that we inherit,
 glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen**

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

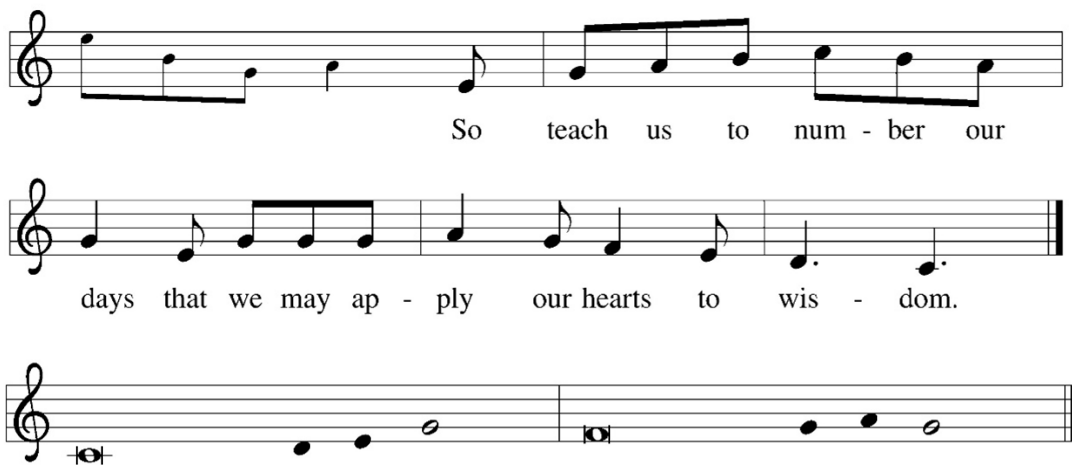
¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.



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

Psalm 90:12-17



¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days

that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?**

Be gracious | to your servants. R

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us**

and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,

and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;**

prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork. R

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in

every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Children's Message

Annette Dittman

The children leave for Sunday School and return after the sermon.

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 10:17-31

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow

me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: Numbering Our Days

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

Liturgy of Baptism (10:30 a.m., see insert)

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.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*Please leave your gifts in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also use this QR code to give using your credit card, or text a gift to Grace at our special number, **844-613-0815**. We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Forms for electronic giving are in the narthex, or ask us for help.*



Music at the Offering: Retrospection

Please stand.

The offering is brought forward as the Offertory is sung.

OFFERTORY: All You Works of God

Text: Stephen P. Starke



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you an - gels, now
2. Bless the Lord all you pure of heart, All you hum - ble his



bless the Lord; come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
praise im - part; God the Fath - er and Son a - dore,

Refrain



praise the Lord and his maj - es - ty: Raise your voic - es high,
bless the spir - it for - ev - er more.



praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

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: Seek Ye First

WOV 783

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And its righteousness,

And all these things

Shall be added unto you,

Allelu, alleluia.

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you.

Seek and ye shall find.

Knock and it shall be opened unto

you,

Allelu, alleluia.

3. We shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.

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: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending **ELW 678**

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: Fantasia on “Walk Together, Children” **Andre J. Thomas**

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe
Organist: Susanna Faust
Lector: 8:00, R. Smyrl;
10:30, Slugg Family
Ushers: 8:00, R. Smyrl & D. Ball;
10:30, Slugg Family
Communion Asst: 8:00, D, Kunkel;
10:30, J. Kaler

Altar Guild: 8:00, J. Detweiler;
10:30, J. Kaler
Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, O. Plawa
Coffee Hour: Kay Stone
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00, Dave
Kunkel; 10:30, Barb Hess
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