



Grace Lutheran Church
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October 6, 2024
20th 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 Pat Keen.

Prelude: All Are Welcome

setting Ron Schmoltz

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.

GATHERING HYMN: All Are Welcome

ELW 641

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. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,



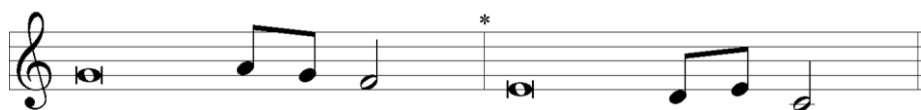
"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8



¹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them? R**

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with honor and glo - | ry you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

⁹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

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 10:2-16

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

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon: Created As Equals

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us

ACS 1099

Sung to JOYOUS LIGHT



1 Kneel - ing in the dust to form us, mold - ing with a pot - ter's
2 Shaped of flesh and bone and sin - ew, sound - ing cham - bers for the
3 Tem - pered bells re - sound more clear - ly, forged of met - als bright and



care, God blows breath of life and Spi - rit: pre - lude in the morn - ing
Word, we are tuned by dai - ly prac - tice, sea - soned by each les - son
pure. So our lives, re - fined by Wis - dom, sound in ac - cents that en -



air. We be - come God's liv - ing ves - sels: we, the flutes and pipes and
heard. Skil - lful - ly, the Spi - rit plays us, fing - ers deft on fret and
dure. God's own hand rings out the chang - es, strik - ing chords as yet un -



reeds, ech - o - ing the Spi - rit's mu - sic through the wit - ness of our deeds.
string, pluck - ing mel - o - dies of yearn - ing as our hearts re - spond and sing.
known, till a new earth fills with mu - sic rich and sweet as heav - en's own.

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: Jesus Is My Life

Kendall

Please stand.

The offering is brought forward as the Offertory is sung.

OFFERTORY: Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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: Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue ELW 644

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: Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: Fugue

Kerckhoven



Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe

Organist: Pat Keen

Lector: 8:00, The Seilers;

10:30, C. MacDonald

Ushers: 8:00, P. Schmidt & D. Capanear;

10:30, J. Kaler & C. Tula

Communion Asst: 8:00, K. Seiler;

10:30, C. MacDonald

Altar Guild: 8:00, J. Detweiler;

10:30, J. Kaler

Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, L. Kaler

Coffee Hour: Diane Ball

Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00, Dave

Kunkel; 10:30, Barb Hess

Video Team: Harold Schaefer,

Dan & Tami Sarm, Jayson Tula

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**Announcing a celebration of our 120th year
on November 3rd! ONE SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.,
with Bishop Bryan Penman, preaching and presiding.**

Plan to be with us for worship and a special day of remembrance and thanksgiving as we look back at the past and ahead to the future! A festive meal follows the service.



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