



Grace

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*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”*

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

Today in Worship

- In today’s Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man’s father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: “I believe; help my unbelief!” Jesus does help the man’s unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. And He calls us to be His witnesses.
- God’s Grace to you as you partake of Your one and only Savior Jesus this day.

Ringings of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #528

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

- 1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!**
- 2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.**
- 3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life and health and peace.**

4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

5. Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

6. See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Invocation & Opening Sentences

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I called on the name of the LORD:

C O LORD, I believe. Help my unbelief!

P The LORD has dealt bountifully with us.

C The LORD has opened our ears.

P The LORD has delivered us from death.

C He wipes away tears from all faces.

P He rescues our feet from stumbling

C and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.

Confession & Absolution

P Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Time for reflection on the word of God and for personal examination.

P Heavenly Father,

C we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

P Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #796

“When in our Music God is Glorified”

- 1. When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**
- 2. How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**
- 3. So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in ev’ry tongue: Alleluia!**
- 4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!**
- 5. Let ev’ry instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Almighty God, by Your Word You spoke creation into being. Tame our tongues and guide our words so that we would proclaim Your promises to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

"God sustains and vindicates His people."

L The Old Testament Reading for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 50.

⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens he awakens; my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰ Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness

and has no light

trust in the name of the Lord

and rely on his God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

James 3:1-12

“The tongue is small but powerful in speaking both good and evil.”

L The Epistle Reading is from James, chapter three.

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Mark 9:23b

P Alleluia. All things are possible

C **for one who believes. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

“Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹ And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

8:00 Service

The Apostles Creed

10:30 Service

The Nicene Creed

Message for Children from God’s Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #919
“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

- 1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**
- 2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and here-after True peace and joy afford.**
- 3. Abide with heav’nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error’s gloomy night.**
- 4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.**
- 5. Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**
- 6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

Sermon

Offering

“The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.” – *Isaiah 50:4*

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word this morning.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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8:00 a.m. Service

Lord's Prayer

The Closing Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Holy Spirit has come into our ears and hearts through the Word and you have blessed our tongues to sing your praises. We ask that You would strengthen us to proclaim Your promises to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #971
"There is a Redeemer"

1. There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. *refrain*

Refrain

Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til The work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place. *refrain*

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service



10:30 a.m. Service

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

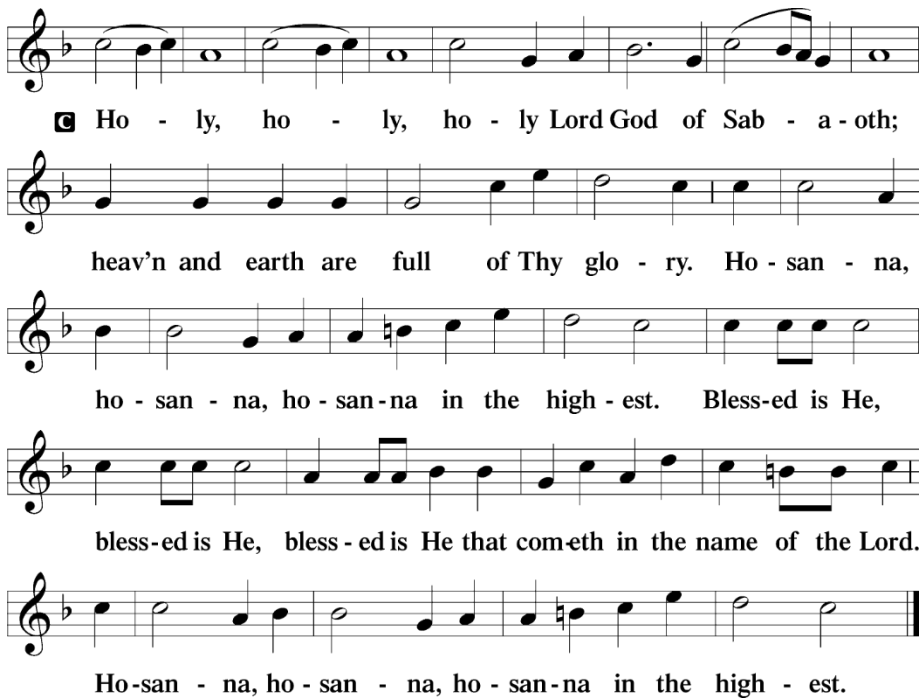


Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...
... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Lutheran Service Book p. 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #555
 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
 Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
 He is our one Redeemer.
2. What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
 Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
 And lost is our condition.
3. It was a false, mis-leading dream That God His Law had given
 That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
 The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature.
4. From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
 The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
 None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart—
 So deep is our corruption.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7. Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

Δ 10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #637

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Nunc Dimittis *"Song of Simeon"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 199-200

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord-ing to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a fermata over the final note of the vocal line. The second system ends with a fermata over the final note of the vocal line. The third system ends with a fermata over the final note of the vocal line.

a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo-ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever. (*Psalm 136:1*)

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have placed Christ’s body and blood upon our tongues to renew and restore us once again. We ask that You would strengthen us to proclaim Your promises to all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

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