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Our *hearts*  
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SUNDAY

October 3, 2021

## Today in Worship

- LWML Sunday is a time to celebrate Lutheran women in mission. This great organization joyfully proclaims Christ, supports missions arounds the world and equips women to honor God especially by serving others. The special theme chosen for this years’ service is based on 1 Peter 4:8, “Our Hearts in HIS Hand.” We want to recognize today the hand of God in us and at work through each and every one of us to spread the love of Jesus Christ throughout this world darkened by sin.
- God’s Grace to you as you partake of Your one and only Savior Jesus this day.

## Handbell Prelude

“Thee We Adore” arr. Cathy Moglebust

## Ringing of the Bells

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #913

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

**1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.**

2. Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing, That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3. O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

## Invocation & Opening Sentences

Ps. 27:7, 11a, 13-14; 51:15; 70:1

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C** Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

**P** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**C** Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.

**P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

**C** Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Let us now confess our sin to God our merciful Father.

**C** Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Morning, noon, and night we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have neglected the salvation You so graciously have provided for us. Indeed, we deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love.

**P** With confident joy, I announce to you that God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon your confession, by the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm

Psalm 86:5-12

**P** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**C** **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

**C** **In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.**

**P** There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**C** **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

**P** For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**C** **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #795

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”

**1. Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

**2. All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!**

**3. Christ, the song of Love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace,  
For Your living, suff'ring, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**

**4. Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!**

**5. How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices— Gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

Genesis 2:18-25

*"God creates and fashions the first woman."*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter two.

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens 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. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife,  
and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and  
were not ashamed.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:18-22

*“Love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”*

**L** The Epistle Reading is from 1 Peter, chapter one.

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your  
forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious  
blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown  
before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the  
sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead  
and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly  
love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

Mark 10:14b

**P** Alleluia. Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them,

**C** **for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

*“Jesus blesses the children.”*

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

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

<sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*8:00 Service*

## The Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven. And sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*10:30 Service*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**☒ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Message for Children from God's Word**

### **Hymn of the Day**

Lutheran Service Book #704  
"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

- 1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumine with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**
- 2. Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**
- 3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**
- 4. Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**



# Sermon

## Offering

“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” – Mark 10:14b

*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 all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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## 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 #706

“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

1. Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.
2. Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ’s humility,  
Gentle, self-less, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.
3. Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life’s end.

## Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #623

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

1. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
2. Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n, The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.
3. By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

**4. One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**5. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.**

## **Distribution Hymn**

Lutheran Service Book #740

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

**1. I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

## **Thanksgiving**

Tune: LSB #789 “Praise and Thanksgiving”

**Father, we thank You for all Your blessings  
Food at this table, graces divine,  
Oneness in faith, our Savior confessing  
His very presence, mystery sublime.**

**Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the sending.  
Yours is the message, rich with Your love,  
Ours for the telling, truth without ending,  
Ours for the singing, here and above.**

## **The LWML Pledge**

**☐ In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.**

**We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. 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**

Tune: LSB #662

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

**1. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.**

**2. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

**3. “Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.  
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