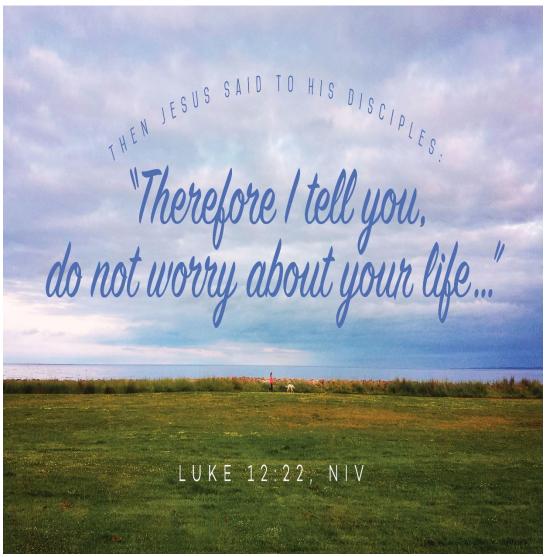
# **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** 

August 7, 2022

## **PRELUDE** Please gather in silence to prepare for worship



# Stand GATHERING HYMN

## Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

- P Most Merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

#### **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.

## **KYRIE**



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.

Be seated

#### FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward."

- <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."
- <sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."
- <sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.
- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



#### **PSALM 33:12-22**

- R <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.
- C <sup>13</sup> From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;
  - <sup>14</sup> from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—
  - 15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.
  - <sup>16</sup> No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.
  - <sup>17</sup> A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
  - <sup>18</sup> But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
  - <sup>19</sup> to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.
  - <sup>20</sup> We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
  - <sup>21</sup> In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
  - <sup>22</sup> May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-16**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stand
GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL



#### **GOSPEL: LUKE 12:22-34**

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup> "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### GOSPEL RECESSIONAL



## HYMN OF THE DAY

# I Would Be like Jesus 561



TEXT: James Rowe MUSIC: Bentley D. Ackley SPRING HILL C.M. with Refrain

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

#### Kneel/sit/stand

#### THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd of this congregation. We thank you for inviting us to the Sacrament of the Altar, to join in your kingdom banquet. Lead us with your Word, to come to your table to receive your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin. Then lead us forth to do your will with glad and faithful hearts, and use us to lead many into your safe keeping. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

God of all wisdom and knowledge, as a new academic year soon begins, we ask for safety in body, mind, and spirit of all students and educators. Especially we pray for the staff, faculty, and students of our adjacent schools. Watch over them. Supply their every need, and draw them to unto yourself. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, come to the aid of all who cry out to you in fear, those gripped by the forces of addictions, those recovering from surgery, and those who suffer from unknown and undiagnosed illnesses, [especially ...]. Provide wisdom and skill to all in the health care profession so that they may be agents of your healing care. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

God who reigns, grant your wisdom to all elected representatives of our republic. Protect them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to yours and lend them courage to lead according to your statutes. Enable them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer.

Lord of the church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, and Andrew; and our seminary president, Eric. Further the ministry of our North American Lutheran Seminary and raise up a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

## C Hear our prayer

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

#### C Amen

#### Stand

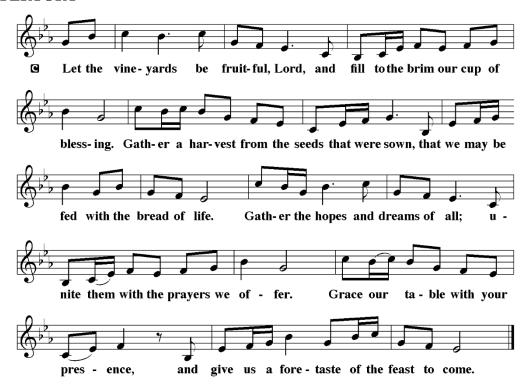
#### PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.



Stand

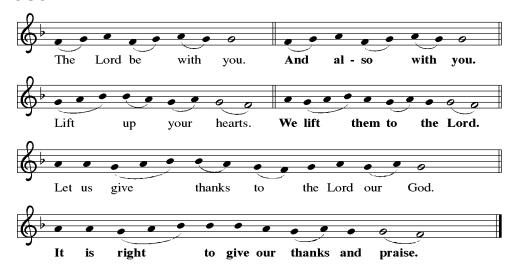
#### **OFFERTORY**



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

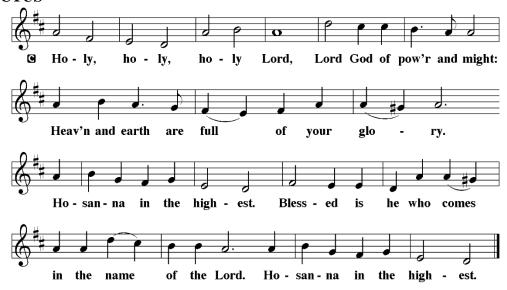
#### DIALOGUE



#### **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

## **SANCTUS**



#### **THANKSGIVING**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets your renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in word and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

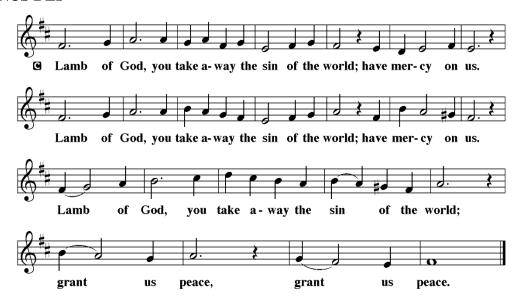
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
  Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**



#### **COMMUNION**

\*White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the \*bread and the \*wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

Stand

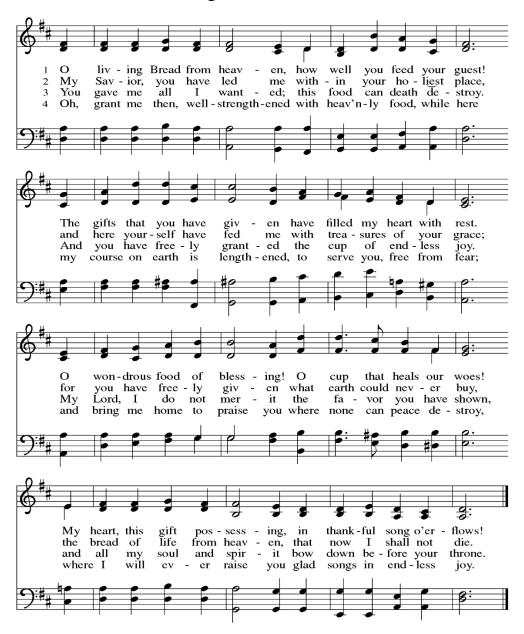
#### PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Vs. 1 Only)**

## O Living Bread from Heaven



#### **BLESSING**

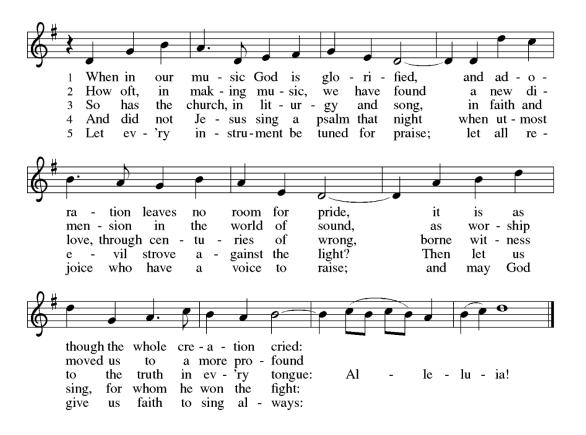
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

## When in Our Music God Is Glorified



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#### **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Altar flowers today are in honor of Jay and Judy Yeager's 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



## Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.



PSALM 101:1, ESV



## **Communion Servers**

Shirley Gordon & Wanda Petrenio

	<b>Assistant Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>
Aug 7	N'Anne Knight	Steve Gross
Aug 14	Shirley Schryver	Shirley Schryver
Aug 21	Sandy Rice	Julie Hohulin
Aug 28	Joe Costantino	Roseann Costantino

## **Nursery**

Aug 7	HELP NEEDED
Aug 14	Roseann & Debbie
Aug 21	Cassie & Debbie
Aug 28	HELP NEEDED



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Shirley Schryver~Prayer & Shepherding

John Jackson~Council at Large/Admin Apprentice

# As a congregation of the *North American Lutheran Church* we are guided by four core values:

- 1. Christ Centered
- 2. Mission Driven
- 3. Traditionally Grounded
- 4. Congregationally Focused



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