

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*Everyone is Welcome!
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Oh, Sing to the Lord" WOV Hymn # 795

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.

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord.

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk to them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Scripture Song

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

See Insert

Psalm 18:7-14

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The Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

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C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: John 9:38-50

See Insert

P:The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" WOV Hymn # 684

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

C: Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth. Ours the rejoicing for the spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name. Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

P: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

P: Hear us, O God;

C: your mercy is great.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us,
O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV Hymn # 783
Postlude



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

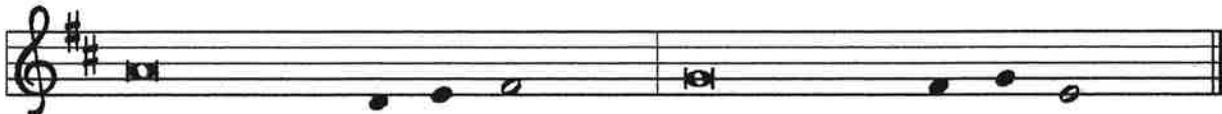
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm



The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

Psalm 19:7-14; tone 10

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹ joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.

continued

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is

powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel

John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand

James 5:13-20

causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,
Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, Jan Rader,
Axl Walters, Carol Wiebke*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

*Noisy coin offering will be collected today. All loose change will be
designated for NLOM Summer Leadership Team Members.*

*There will be a collection plate for monetary donations for
the Crop Hunger Walk organization.*

*Kathy Helgren and Diane Ekhoff are looking for a couple of
people to help organize the Church Dinner on Sunday,
November 14th. Please give them a call.*

We are having Sunday School. If it is held inside we will wear
masks, but if we have it outside - no masks are required.
9:30 - 10:00 a.m. There will also be Grab N Go Sunday School
packets available if you are unable to attend.

Today 9/26/21

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 9/29/21

Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 10/3/21

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

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