



Grace Lutheran Church

Saturday, June 18, 2022

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be our God Almighty, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth. Amen

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and granting pardon. Amen

***Gathering Hymn**

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

WOV 750 vs. 1-3



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And, also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. In your light may we see life clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from Galatians

But by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 22:22-23,25-28 (read responsively)

I will declare Your name to My brethren

In the midst of the assembly, I will Praise You.

You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him

My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;

I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.

Let your heart live forever!

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, And, all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S, and He rules over the nations.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 8:29-39

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"-- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So, he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for hi

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

***Apostles' Creed**

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 to the dead. 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

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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A Father's Day Litany

John 15:9-10 As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Father in Heaven, we pray for father's who have held little ones, wiped runny noses and have read bedtime stories. Make them strong men of God.

Bringing Glory to His name.

For fathers who didn't have a father figure themselves. Give them wisdom to raise their children in the Light of Christ. Make them strong men of God.

Bringing Glory to His name.

For the grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends and teachers who stepped in when a father was absent. Lift them up Lord. Make them strong men of God.

Bringing Glory to His name.

For the father's who are away from their children and especially those whose work puts them in harm's way. Make them strong men of God.

Bringing Glory to His name.

For fathers who have stumbled and fallen. Who haven't protected their family. Turn their heads to you and enlighten them with the joy of parenthood. Make them strong men of God. **Bringing Glory to His name.**

For the father that teaches his children how to pray. Make them strong men of God.

Bringing Glory to His name. We praise and lift Your name on High. Glory to You Father Almighty. Amen

Prayer for the people

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary. (A reminder: Checks or envelopes for Trinity will go to Trinity. Loose cash will go with Grace's offering.) The question remains for each of us, apart from this continued support, how, and what, else am I called to give for the sake of the world? Let us prayerfully discern what is ours to keep, and where the rest shall be given.

*Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Almighty and generous God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for your goodness. Accept the gifts that we bring before you today. Give us a heart to love and serve you, cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Benediction

May the presence of God the Creator give you strength;
May the presence of God the Redeemer give you peace;
May the presence of God the Sustainer give you comfort.
May the presence of God the Sanctifier give you love. Amen

Sending Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LBW 559 vs. 1-4



1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris - 'ner free.
5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

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*Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Amen

Postlude

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