

*Grace Lutheran Church*  
*Pentecost 9*  
*August 2, 2020*



**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church Online!**

We are glad to have you worship with us and we invite you to join us any time on our YouTube channel or on Facebook. The following pages contain the order of worship for this date. Hymns are at the end.

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# *Pentecost 9*

## *Sunday, August 2, 2020*

Congregation responses are in **BOLD**

### **Prelude**

*"Through a Sunlit Window"* - Simone

### **Joys, Concerns and Blessing**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

**ELW 461**

*"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

### **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**

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Special Music** - Georgie Graybill, Flute Solo

### **First Reading Isaiah 55:1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Matthew 14:13-21**

*Response after the announcement:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Response at the conclusion:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Bartlett

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **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.**

## **Benediction**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

**ELW 674**

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude: "Sing Forth to the Lord" - Paxton**

Thank you to Georgie Graybill for special music today, to Sandy Schantz for serving as lector, and to Rev. Paul Bartlett for being our supply pastor this and last week. A **very** grateful thank you to Alice Mudge (Holy Spirit, Emmaus) for filming, producing, and uploading the worship video.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Grace Free Community Meal** The next Free Community Meal will be **Friday August 14, from 5 to 7 pm**, as a drive-up or walk-up meal. August's menu will be hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, chips and a pudding cup. We are asking for volunteers to cook and pack up individual meals, and to help distribute the meals. Please sign up for one or more volunteer slots at the link below, and thanks for your support!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BAAAB28A0F49-free>

**Upper Room Devotionals** for August are still available while supplies last. If you would like one, please call the church office. We can arrange for you to stop by and pick one up or, if you prefer, you can request one be mailed to you. We can always use the encouragement found in the scriptures, in good times and bad.

**Sunday School Update** In a continuing effort to keep all of us safe from Covid-19, our leadership has decided that it would be best NOT to open Sunday School in September. We will monitor the situation as it unfolds and determine a time when it will be safe to bring our children and teachers back for class. Until we come back, please take care and stay safe as you enjoy the rest of your summer.

**Gracious Seniors Update** Sorry Seniors, but our August Gracious Seniors Luncheon and program scheduled for August 19 will be canceled. I have contacted the speaker Rev. Tom Kochenderfer and asked him if we can reschedule his impersonation of Rev. Henry Muhlenberg, the first Lutheran Pastor in America, for August 18, 2021. As they say, "All good things take time."

**If you are hospitalized ...** Please have a family member call Pastor Samantha or the church office to let us know the hospital where you were admitted, and the room number. If you have an operation or other procedure scheduled ahead of time, let us know prior to your stay. Although we call daily to check for names under Grace Lutheran's hospital code (237), the best way for us to find out so Pastor can visit you is to let us know directly.

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## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

## *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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