

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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# 7<sup>th</sup>Sunday after Pentecost

## Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

# **GOD GATHERS US**

### **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements are found on our website

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

All: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises WOV 722/Blue Hymnal

# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona



Text: South African; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. Freedom Is Coming English text and arr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

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## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST READING: Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

- L: <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- C: <sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

- L: <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- C: 4 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- L: <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
- C: <sup>6</sup> The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- L: <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall

save me.

C: 8 You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

**GOSPEL**: Luke 11:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord** 

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give

him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **ALL: Praise to You O Christ!** 

## MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY Word of God, Come Down on Earth WOV 716 v.1&2/Blue Hymnal

# Word of God, Come Down on Earth



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 power of 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.

### OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

# **Offertory Music**

# PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

## A brief silence.

P: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**P:** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.
P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us

through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

### P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**ALL: 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

**P**: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

## TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

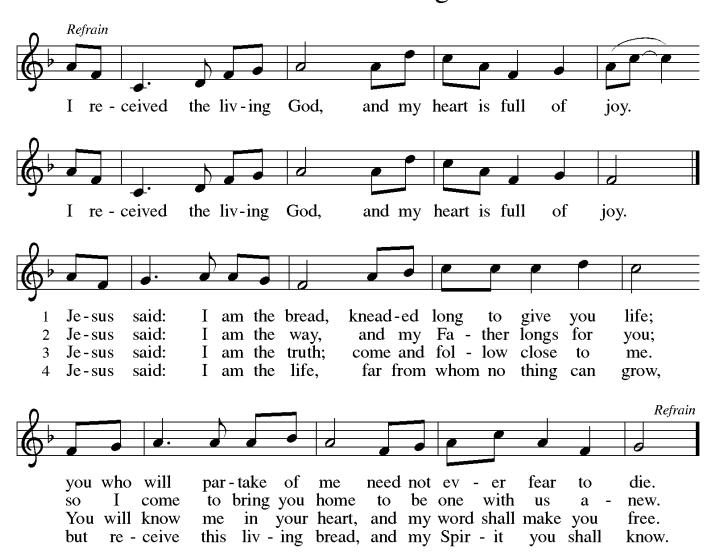
**Communion Hymns:** 

I Received the Living God WOV 700/Blue Hymnal

O Spirit of Life WOV 680/Blue Hymnal

Alleluia, Song of Gladness WOV 654/Blue Hymnal

# I Received the Living God



Text: Anonymous

Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

# O Spirit of Life



# Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Text: Latin hymn 11th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Heavenly Father,

C you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CLOSING SONG** 

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

WOV 716, v. 3 & 4 /Blue Hymnal

#### Word of God, Come Down on Earth WOV 716 v.3&4/Blue Hymnal Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our Word that speaks God's der with Godlove, one be ten blind ness; deaf we are: our heal be; yond all tell ing, Word that sends us from bove, a your loose our tongues to tell kind ness. Be our Word in of God the Spir with Word - it, dwell us ing, truth, to heal the world, ken. у spo - ken, by our sin bro

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# GOD SENDS US

# **BLESSING**

P: May the love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

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## ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargains with God for the righteous of Sodom and Gomorrah

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Buried with Christ in baptism, raised with him through faith

Hosea 1:2-10

Hosea's marriage: a message to Israel

Psalm 85

Righteousness shall go before the LORD. (Ps. 85:13)

# 7/27/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP MASKING-Update** We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> We have two donators this week. The first bouquet is donated by Norm Turner in memory of Shirley and their anniversary on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The second bouquet is donated by Jan Meyer in memory of her husband, Mike.

**THANK YOU TO NATALIA** for stepping in as our organist while Dottie is away on vacation!

<u>ELBURN DAYS PARADE AND GRACE FLOAT</u> Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. We will be meeting at Cathy Whiteside's house (418 W. Reader St., Elburn) at 9am to help decorate the float. Please let Janice Muncie know if you would like to help decorate and/or ride on the float (630-854-1066 or janice.muncie@ gmail.com). All are welcome! We are also accepting bags of candy to give out on parade day (preferably not chocolate...it tends to get all melty!) Thank you!

<u>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</u> has begun! On August 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be inside for worship and coffee hour. All other Sundays in the summer will be outside worship unless prohibited by weather.

FREE NURSERY ROOM FURNITURE The preschool is looking to move a few items out of the nursery and pass them onto you! There are 2 glider rockers and a pack-n-play (playpen) that are free for the taking. The preschool will be utilizing the nursery room also and it will continue to be used as a nursery when needed during worship services. Please see Janice or Tricia.

<u>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</u> Nancy Corbige continues to collect email addresses for the Pottawatomie Partnership email distribution list. We currently have a house in-build in St. Charles. (Questions, you may call or text Nancy at 847-212-0237.)

**LINE DANCING** is over for this season and will resume again in the fall. Thank you, Nancy Corbige, for all of your hard work and dedication to this great outreach program!

<u>THE 2025 FLOWER CHART</u> is up and on the wall in the welcome area. The price for 2025 will be \$20.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume again in September on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:30.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION** in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

<u>BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS</u> The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the newsletter or Cathy Whiteside. *Thank you for your generous donations!* 

<u>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL</u> will begin again on September 8<sup>th</sup> every Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15am – 1:15pm. Registration for next school year, 2025-2026, is open! If you know of anyone with a child ages 3-5, please let them know of this engaging Christian preschool program. More info can be found on our website, <a href="https://www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool">www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool</a> or you can contact Janice Muncie at 630-854-1066.

<u>PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE</u> On Wed., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 11am in the Grace Room. This will be a chance for registered and prospective students and their families to view the new classroom, meet the teachers and ask any questions they may have about our preschool. Please email or call Janice Muncie with any questions. 630-854-1066 or <u>Janice.munice@gmail.com</u>

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED** for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

<u>JULY NEWSLETTER</u> is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org (please note the new website address ends in a ".org" rather than a ".com")

**NOISY OFFERING** We continue to collect weekly noisy offering to help offset various costs of specific expenses or a specific fundraiser. If you wish to contribute to the "Building Maintenance Fund" - please mark this specific donation on your check. These donations are for unplanned/unbudgeted building maintenance repairs. Thank you for your support!

<u>OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE</u> Offerings received as of 7/21: \$ 2,348. Your time, talents and gifts are a true commitment to our church and growing ministries here at Grace.

Are you familiar with IT / computer technology / livestreaming? We are seeking several people to assist in preparation and recording our church services (during the week +/or during worship service). Please contact Pastor or Tricia Painter ~ please consider! Thank you for the donations of copy paper, stamps and printer cartridge. We have a continual need for printer ink cartridges (or even donations towards this cost) - please contact Tricia for details.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 131st year of ministry ~

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

## FOR THE WORLD

- \* For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- \* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

# FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- \* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- \* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

# **FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members
- \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military
- \* For our Nation, to extend peace in all things.

# FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... For our "Grace Family" members:

Betty Boor, Dan Burtnette, Lillian Carlson, Nancy Corbige, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, **Kathy Hooey and family**, Kathy Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortensen, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy & John Schaefer, Char Sportsman, Bud Wise, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, **For our Families and Friends:** Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Cindy Carlson, Joanie Chernick, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Karl Kruthoff, Gay Leslie, **Family of Sherry Manke**, Janelle McDonald, Linda Mowers, Ray Navarro, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Emily Peters, John Schnaitman, Pastor Arne Walker, Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Kathy Hooey and family on the passing of Kathy's husband, Kirk, on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Sherry Manke, church family friend, who passed away on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

**ALSO** - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Twyla Strom for prayer shawl needs.