



WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, September 18th, 2022 * 9 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



15th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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.

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE

The Joy of the Lord

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

L: ¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

**C: ²Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.**

L: ³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

**C: ⁴The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

L: ⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

**C: ⁶but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

L: ⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**C: ⁸enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

L: ⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Please Rise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us
beyond our days.

All: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**All: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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...God among us,

All: we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

All: And you also.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Please Be Seated

FIRST READING:

Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

P: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You O Christ!

3rd Sunday of Creation Celebration Prayer

P: Lord,

**ALL: If You taught in open fields, at meal times, while harvesting
While on the walk, while watching birds fly and nest**

While farmers planted and weeded
Then; put my mind and faith at ease in all kinds of
Ordinary, extraordinary, holy places. AMEN

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW 717

Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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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: Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Alleluia

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: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

P: God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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: 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 hymn: This Little Light of Mine Pre-Recorded Choir

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Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 832

Shall We Gather at the River

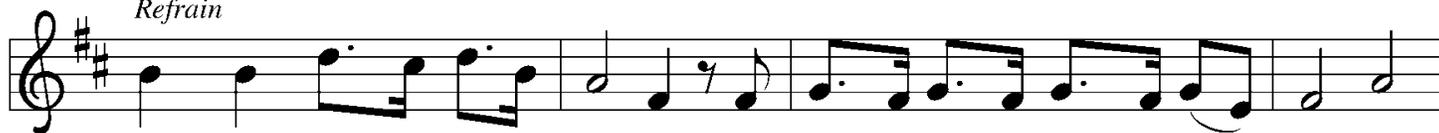


- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

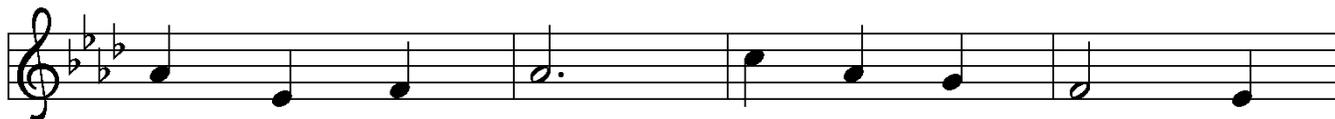
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen

Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



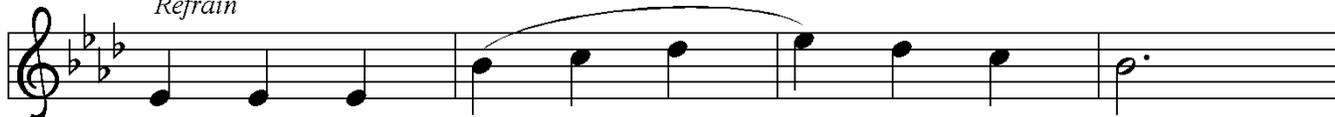
Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. With Christ beside you.

ALL: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Allegro Giojoso

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON Incl. Season of Creation

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people

Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

The Lord laments over Judah

Psalms 79:1-9

Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. (Ps. 79:9)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 18th, 2022

WORSHIP MASKING Masking is currently optional. Social distancing will still be practiced in the back half of the sanctuary. The front half will be more open for those wishing to sit together.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER is now available on our website, www.graceoflilylake.com. Click on Newsletter to download it!

BOWLING LEAGUE The Lutheran Fellowship Bowling League, a joint league among area ELCA Churches, is looking for adults 18 or older to join us every other Sunday for an evening of adult Christian fellowship. Bowling skill or experience not required. Contact Nick Rex for more info: 630-742-5836 (text or voicemail) or lutheranbowling@gmail.com.

Pottawatomie Habitat for Humanity Partnership has EXCITING NEWS and NEEDS YOU! The foundation is being poured at our new build at 34W961 Stanton Drive in St. Charles. We are ready for volunteers and groups to begin signing up for work days in October! Current work days are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30-3:30. Volunteer for a couple hours or all day! This is a perfect ministry for small groups. Signup online by going to <http://www.volunteerup.com/login.asp?w=i&o=175> or calling NFBVH Volunteer Coordinator, Courtney Bronec, at 847-836-1432 ext. 105. Note: The next meeting for PHP is Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30 pm at the United Methodist Church Geneva, 211 Hamilton Street. Please prayerfully consider attending this one hour meeting and getting involved in providing stable housing in our area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18TH for 3-11 year old children. We request that you register your child so that we know how many we will have in our classes. Please contact Marty Bradley to register and If you are interested and able to assist in any way, please contact Pat Penfold, Kelly Diehl or Marty Bradley.

REBECCA CIRCLE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH The Rebecca Circle, will meet in the church fellowship hall at 1pm on Tuesday, September 20th.

ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 9am – noon with Scouts
Meet at 8:45am. Sign-up sheets are posted in the church narthex.

GRACE ROADRUNNERS Grace Road runners are leaving for their trip Monday, September 19. Please keep them in your prayers

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor may be to collect funds for special light bulbs & lift rental necessary for the sanctuary & parking lot. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside.
Thank you for your generous donations!

NIFB group event Saturday Oct 15th

Again, we are partnering with Bethlehem Lutheran for a Volunteer event at Northern Illinois Food Bank. Dennis Finney is heading this up and wants us to send him our names and email information. The Shift time is for 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the West Suburban location (Geneva). If you have any questions please see George Theros or send your information to DennisRFinney@aol.com

GRACE'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE Oct 7 & 8 Drop off donations: **Sun, Oct. 2** = (**coffee hour also) 10:30-12noon; **Tues, Oct. 4** = 1-5pm; **Wed, Oct. 5** = 5-8pm; **Thurs, Oct. 6** = 9am-3pm; **Volunteers needed for set-up - Thurs, Oct. 6** = 9am-? - set up all day/when you are able **Volunteers needed - Fri, Oct 7** – **SALE** 9am-4pm ; **Sat, Oct 8** – **SALE** 9am-2pm (**12noon is ½ price sale); **2pm clean-up - Volunteers needed**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE To be held at Grace on Sun., Nov., 20th at 7pm with coffee hour served after. See www.graceoflilylake.com for more info.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Offering collected on 9/11/22 = \$3,157

Weekly amount needed to meet expenses = \$3,750

2022 FLOWER CALENDAR – Our Flower calendar (on the Narthex bulletin board) needs your name! In honor of a birthday, anniversary, special occasion – please consider signing up for altar flowers – \$15 donation. The flowers can be taken after the worship service to enjoy/share in your home.
Today's flowers are donated by Tricia Painter in celebration of ALL grandparents, and in remembrance of those who perished on 9/11/01.

VISIT our website: www.graceoflilylake.com for some of the latest updates, worship service info, monthly newsletter and highlighted events. You can always find us on Facebook – search : GraceofLilyLake.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10:30 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

<https://zoom.us/j/96765863567?pwd=SWpGM0xlclVoaFBIUXI2dEVvNTd3UT09>

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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)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * 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, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

For those ill in body, mind or spirit..... *Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine (nephew of Paul and Kay Kinsel), Fred Alstadt, Gene Anderson, Barbara Asher, (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis (Andra Nordwind's mother), Nelson Brodhead, (brother of Shirley Turner), Jim (brother of Rita Burnham, recovering from a stroke), the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley (sister in law of Cathy Lindquist), Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Jack and Jan Docherty, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin (sister & brother in law of Jan Docherty), Jay Ellingsen (nephew of Kathy Hooey), Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Lisa Landes (niece of Kathy Hooey), Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, **Ray Larsen**, Wayne Larson, Chili Lindgren, Jeannine Luchs, Sherry Manke, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Ken Patterson, Phil and Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Pastor Rex and Doris, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Shirley Turner, **Kristy Weydert**, and Catherine Zegial.*

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*