

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, October 5th, 2025 \* 9:30 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



17th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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 March Handel

#### **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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN God of the Fertile Fields ACS 1063

## God of the Fertile Fields



Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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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...Benevolent, merciful God:

C: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of 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.

C: And you also.

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

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

- <sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
  - <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpostand station myself on the rampart;I will keep watch to see what he will say to me

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.)

**GOSPEL**: Luke 17:5-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord** 

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

## **MESSAGE FOR ALL**

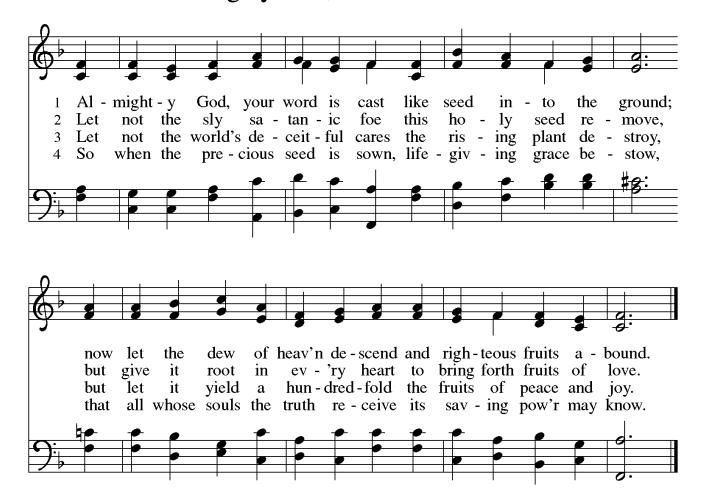
Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

**ELW 516/Red Hymnal** 

# Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt. Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

#### **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: Lord of the harvest,

C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

**Offertory Music** 

**Musique Royale** 

**Delande** 

#### 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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation

#### A brief silence.

P: O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

## C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

## C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

## C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

# C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

#### 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

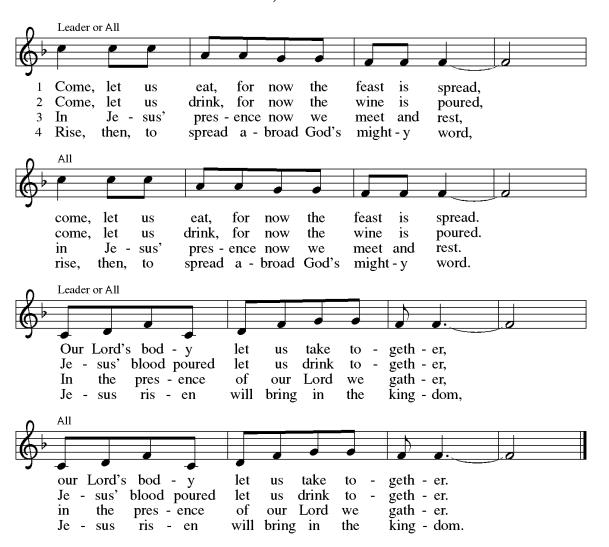
## TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion Hymns: Come, Let Us Eat

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 491/Red Hymnal ELW 759/Red Hymnal ELW 765/Red Hymnal

# Come, Let Us Eat



Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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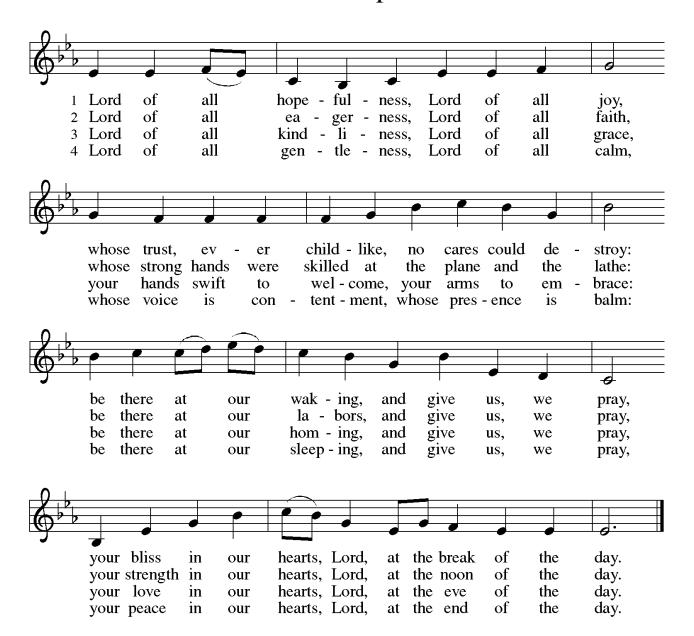
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# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

# Lord of All Hopefulness



Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O God.

C: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## **GOD SENDS US**

#### **BLESSING**

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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#### ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Psalm 37:1-9

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ

Lamentations 1:1-6

Jerusalem is empty and destroyed

Lamentations 3:19-26

Great is your faithfulness, O LORD (La. 3:23)

Psalm 137 (alternate)

Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD. (Ps. 137:7)

# 10/5/25 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> are donated by Bill and Lori Uren in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

**LINE DANCING** has resumed on Thursdays from 6-7pm through December 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities welcome!

COFFEE HOUR OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> In conjunction with such a busy week, please note, we will NOT have coffee hour today and will have it next Sunday. Due to the many other happenings post-rummage-sale, Linda has asked that we have coffee hour next week Sunday, October 12th. Thank you Linda for coordinating all of our coffee hours - and please reach out to Linda if you are able to help -- usually it is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

**HAVE YOU LOST A PIERCED EARRING?** A pierced earring was found in the Noisy Offering bucket.... Was it in your pocket and got mixed up with your change? We are grateful for your donation, but we believe someone is missing this earring. Please see Linda or Tricia "to identify".

<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.)

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

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

**BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS** 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!* 

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL** has begun and takes place every Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15am – 1:15pm. There are still a few spots remaining on Wednesdays. 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.

**SECURITY FOR PRESCHOOL** Please be reminded that our Preschool policies are that all entry doors remain locked during preschool hours. If you need to come into church, we ask that you lock the door behind you, and of course ensure it is locked when you depart. And this is a good time for another request for anyone in and out of church or the last one here at church, please check all exit doors on both levels to ensure they are locked.

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

<u>OCTOBER 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!

**OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE** We are thankful for your offerings and donations given to Grace. Offerings received last week (as of Sept. 29): \$4,376. Our weekly donation goal is ~\$4,000.

**TECHNOLOGY HELP** 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!

~ 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, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, Kathy Hooey and family, Rick Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Paul Mantsch, Joan Mortensen, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy & John Schaefer, Char Sportsman, Cara Turner and Family, Bud Wise, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, For our Families and Friends: Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Linden Breyne (grandson of Vicki Linden), 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, Nancy Sinclair (cousin of Kathy Jackson and Vicki Linden), Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

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.