



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 \* 9 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



## ***8th Sunday after Pentecost***

### **Introduction**

**TODAY'S THEME:** Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**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**

### **King of Kings (impromptu choir)**

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

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please Rise

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!

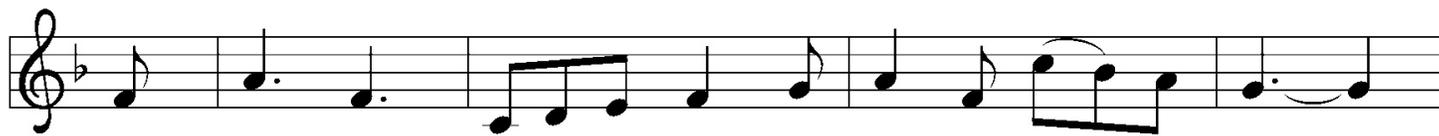
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**All: Amen.**

Come, We That Love the Lord  
*We're Marching to Zion*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.  
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

## 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 God,

**All: you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through 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:

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>1:2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem,

<sup>13</sup> applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with.

<sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me

<sup>19</sup> and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

<sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,

<sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must

leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

<sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?

<sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

P: Word of God; Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



## Children's Message

*(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:13-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

<sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'

<sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

<sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You O Christ!

## MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796 v. 1, 2, 4

### How Firm a Foundation



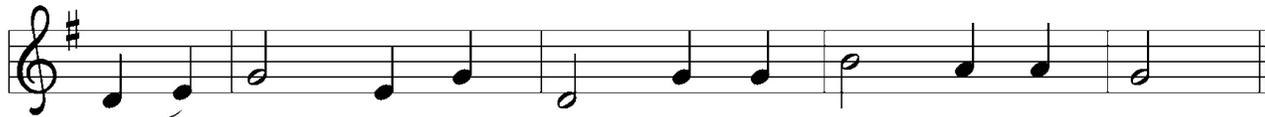
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## **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:** God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

*(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)*

**Offertory Music                      We Worship and Adore Thee**

## **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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer

*A brief silence.*

P: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. Renew us at your table of mercy.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

### 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 hymns:* Just As I Am

ELW 592

I Love To Tell The Story

ELW 661

## Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

# I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

## *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**ALL:** Amen

## CLOSING SONG

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 884

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The accompaniment is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The second system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The accompaniment is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

## **GOD SENDS US**

### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **All That I Need**

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### **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

#### **Psalm 49:1-12**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (*Ps. 49:3*)

#### **Colossians 3:1-11**

*Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**WORSHIP MASKING** Following ELCA and CDC recommendations, Masks are optional; however, we will still be practicing 6' Social Distancing especially indoors.

**ELBURN DAYS PARADE AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>** Cathy Whiteside and Heidi Anderson are leading Grace's participation in the 2022 Elburn Days Parade and are looking for helpers with putting together a float. Please contact either Cathy or Heidi if you are willing to help.

**GRACE ROADRUNNERS** will be taking their motorcoach trip to Wisconsin and Minnesota September 19-24th. Please see the News Letter for details. Questions-see Suzanne Girsch.

**NOISY OFFERING** We will collect Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next endeavor may be to collect funds for special light bulbs and lift rental necessary for the sanctuary and 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!***

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE**

Offering collected on 7/24/22 = \$2,696

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 Lee and Twyla Strom to celebrate their anniversary on July 16th and Amber and Brandon's anniversary on July 31st.*

### **VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.graceoflilylake.com](http://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, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis (Andra Nordwind's mother), Cindy Carlson, Lorraine Chavez, and her family Steve, Jackie, Joe and Phil, Jim (Rita Burnham's brother), Joe Cicci (friend of Vicki Linden), Juanita Curley (sister in law of Cathy Lindquist), Ken Deutschmann, Jack and Jan Docherty, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, 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, Donald Overby, Ken Patterson, Phil and Inge Peterson, Carol Prevenas, Pastor Art, Pastor Rex, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Shirley Turner, Catherine Zegial, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Jane Cutler*

*The family of Steve Schuppner who passed away this week. Steve was the husband of Ruth Banas Schuppner, a former member of Grace.*

*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.*