

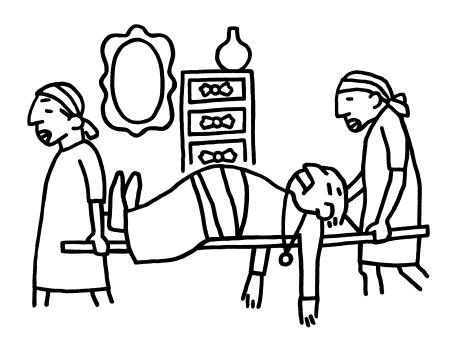
# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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# 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.

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 Prelude in Bb Major Bach

#### **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 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836/Red Hymnal

# Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

#### **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,

C: 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.

C: And you also.

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

# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

## FIRST READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

ALL: Glory to you O Lord

<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

**Amazing Grace** 

ELW 779 v. 1-3/Red Hymnal

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound ELW 779, v.1-3



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

#### **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** In the Singing

## 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: Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. 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

**ELW 742/Red Hymnal** 

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

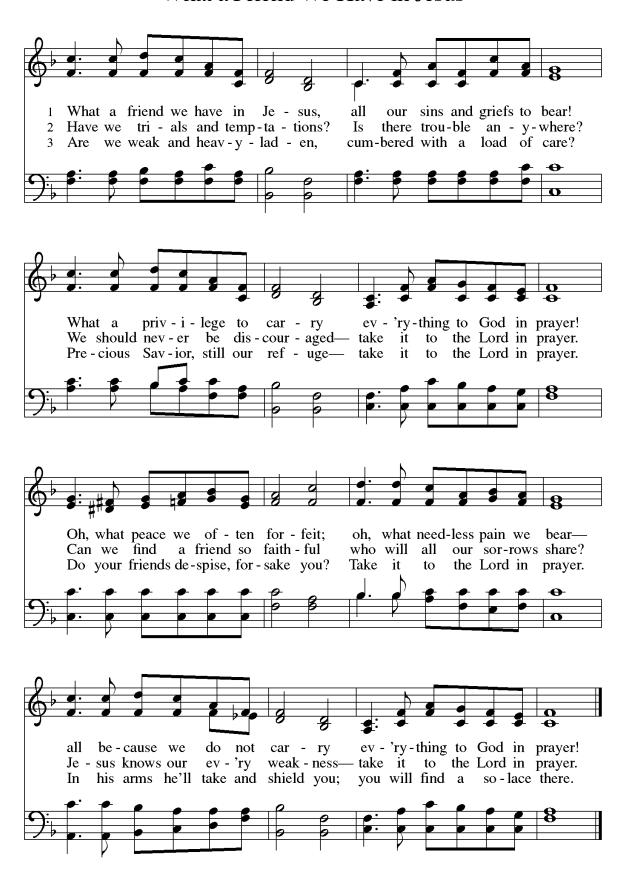
### TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**Communion Hymns:** 

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Oh, Sing to the Lord

**ELW 822/Red Hymnal** My Faith Looks Up to Thee **ELW 759/Red Hymnal** 

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

# Oh, Sing to the Lord Cantad al Señor



- 2 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune Spanish and English text © Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: ÓLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

#### 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.

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound ELW 779, v.4&5



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## **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** 

Fugue in Bb Major

**Bach** 

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#### ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

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

Search out wisdom, for all is vanity

Psalm 49:1-12

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

Hosea 11:1-11

Like a mother, God will love Israel forever

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

We give thanks to you, LORD, for your wonderful works. (Ps. 107:8)

# 8/3/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> 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 Suzanne Girsch in honor of the 73rd Strom Family reunion!

<u>COFFEE HOUR TODAY</u> Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for our monthly coffee hour. Lots of treats, coffee, juice and fellowship for everyone!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** Today we will be inside for worship and coffee hour. All other Sundays in the summer will be outside worship unless prohibited by weather.

<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.)

<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!

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.

**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!

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART 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!* 

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL** 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>AUGUST 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!

GIVING STATEMENTS It has been decided by the Vision Team that the bi-annual Giving Statements (for your offerings) will now be distributed yearly (in the new year). If you are wanting a statement for Jan-June 2025, please contact Cara Turner by email: <a href="mailto:clturner2063@yahoo.com">clturner2063@yahoo.com</a> or leave a message on her cell: 630-291-6896.

**OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE** We are thankful for your offerings and donations given to Grace. Offerings received the last week of July: \$1,765. Our weekly donation goal is ~\$4,000.

<u>TECHNOLOGY HELP</u> 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!

<u>COPY PAPER/STAMPS/PRINTER CARTRIDGES</u> 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, 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>. Kirk's funeral was held at Conley's last Saturday, July 26<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.