



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 \* 9 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



## 13th Sunday after Pentecost

### Introduction

**TODAY'S THEME:** Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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**

**Let the Whole Creation Cry**

*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 1**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

- L: <sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- C: <sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- L: <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- C: <sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- L: <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- C: <sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Please Rise

**CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**All: Amen.**

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

*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**

**Let the Whole Creation Cry**

**ELW 876**

Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'r's of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## 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...Direct us, O Lord God,

All: in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, 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:

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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 14:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You O Christ!

### MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

**SONG OF DAY**

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**ELW 798 v. 1, 4, 5**

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my -  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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      Supplication**

## 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: We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life.

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:

Let Us Break Bread Together  
Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 471

ELW 462

## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com-mu - nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing  
rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov-ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundein, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## 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

CLOSING SONG

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

## Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: *Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**ALL:** Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

**Lift High the Cross**

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## **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTORY LESSON**

**Philemon 1-21**

*Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

**Jeremiah 18:1-11**

*Like a potter, the Lord will reshape Israel*

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

You have searched me out and known me. (*Ps. 139:1*)

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **WORSHIP MASKING**

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

### **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 information at 630-742-5836 (text or voicemail) or [lutheranbowling@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranbowling@gmail.com).

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>TH</sup>**

The Rebecca Circle, will meet in the church fellowship hall at 1pm on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 9am – noon with Scouts**

Meet at 8:45am. Sign-up sheets are posted in the church narthex.

### **GRACE ROADRUNNERS**

Grace Roadrunners will be taking their motorcoach trip to Wisconsin and Minnesota September 19-24th. Please see the Newsletter 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 8/28/22 = \$3,125

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 Linda Smykowski in loving memory of her son, JT.

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ZOOM FELLOWHIP 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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**Check out our updated website. Get ALL the news you NEED there – including our weekly services**

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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, Karen Rolston – sister of Vicki Linden, Nancy Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Shirley Turner, Catherine Zegial. and Helen, sister of Marge Granquist.*

*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.*