

Sunday, July 21st, 2024 * 9:30 AM * INPERSON and ONLINE



9th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

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

It Is Well With My Soul

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719, v.1-4/Red Hymnal

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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: O God,

C: powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace 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:

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

- L: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
 - shall not be in want.
- C: ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- L: ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPELMark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW 800/Red Hymnal

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



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: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken after the prayer.)

Offertory Music Each Life that Touches Ours for God

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: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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

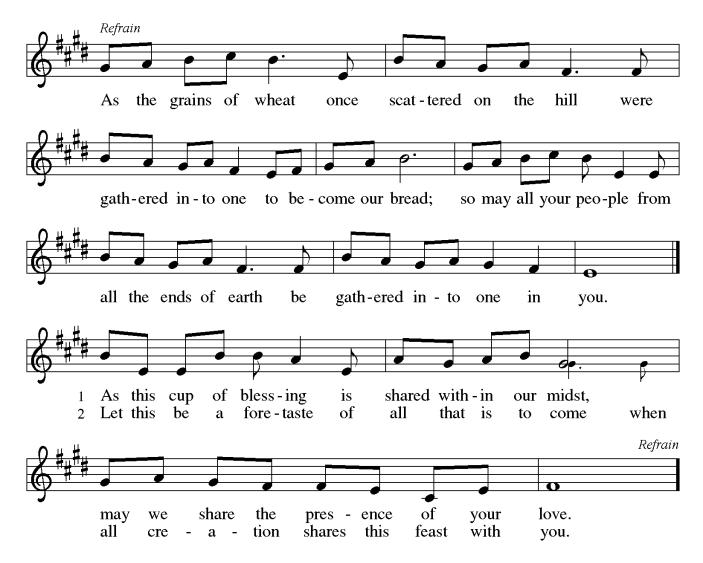
P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God**

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION HYMNS:

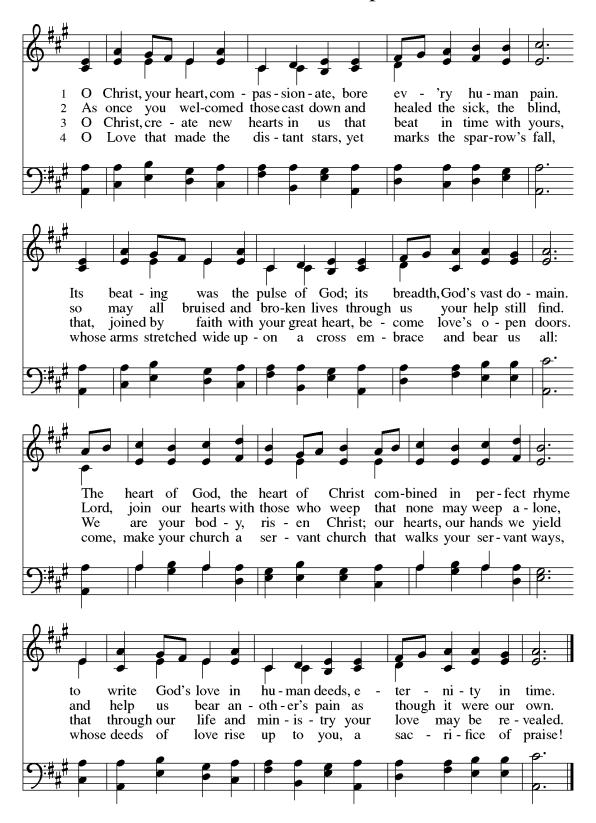
As the Grains of Wheat	ELW 465
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate	ELW 722
Jesus, the Very Thought of You	ELW 754

As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465



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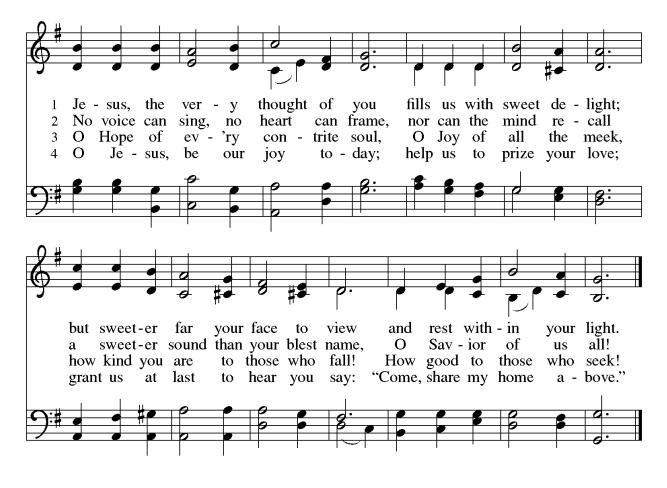


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Jesus, the Very Thought of You



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

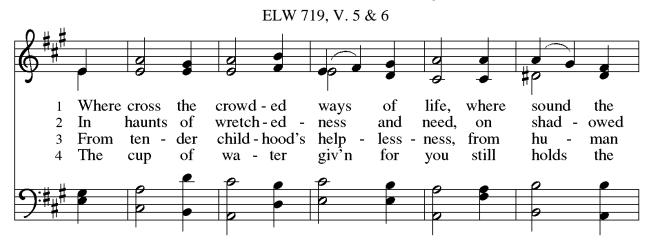
All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life





- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God Bless America

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6 From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel Ephesians 2:11-22 Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace 2 Samuel 7:1-14a The promise of the LORD to David Psalm 89:20-37 Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

7/21/24 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is off for the summer & will resume on the 1st & 3rd Sundays in Sept.

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by Nancy Schnaitman in loving memory of Jim and their wedding anniversary!

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

ANOTHER KID'S EVENT will be held here at Grace on Sat., July 27th from 11am-1pm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING A Congregational meeting was held on June 2nd and four topics were discussed. Please contact George if you would like the link to the meeting and catch up on the latest happenings here at Grace.

<u>JULY NEWSLETTER</u> is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org (please note the new website address ends in a ".org" rather than a ".com")

<u>OUTDOOR WORHIP</u> has begun for the summer months! The first Sunday of the month worship will be INDOORS. Next, on August 4th and September 1st at 9:30am with Coffee Hour to follow. Our outdoor worship services are using paper bulletins only. Also, please note that some members will be viewing the bulletin on their phones once the livestream of the worship service has begun. Indoor services will continue to use the TV screens and less hardcopy bulletins.

ELBURN DAYS PARADE & GRACE'S ANNUAL FLOAT Join us on the float, Friday, August 16th

ROAD RUNNERS "Adventures in the Smokies" Sept. 15th – 21st, See Grace webpage for more info www.graceoflilylake.org

GRACE'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Oct. 4th and 5th

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

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!

<u>MISC ITEMS NEEDED/REQUESTED</u> ** Cathy Whiteside is seeking plastic storage containers (of manageable size) with lids if possible. If you have any you no longer are using, please drop them off at church on the lower level and pls leave a note with Cathy's name on it. ** We are looking for a few volunteers who would help with changing our

church signage every couple of weeks. Please see Cathy Whiteside – and thank you for your assistance. **

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!*

FREE ITEMS With clean-up efforts that began in mid-June, and more completed on our workday on June 29, we have items that are available for your taking. Please stop by the Sunday School room #2 (*rooms have #'s on them, it is on the right side*) on the lower level and take whatever you wish. This room will be cleared out/purged by the end of July. Since we are just through clearing out rooms, closets and cabinets, we would appreciate that you safekeep your rummage sale donations until September 21st. We greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in this request.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED If you enjoy spending time with 3-5 year olds, helping them make crafts, sing songs, read and play AND are usually available on Mondays and/or Wednesdays 9am-1:30pm from Sept. 9 – May 21st, then you should sign up to be a substitute teacher for our new Parents Day Out (PDO) program. Please contact Janice Muncie to get on our substitute list, 630-854-1066 or Janice.muncie@gmail.com

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are thankful for your 2024 offerings and donations. Offerings received last week: \$5,676. Our weekly goal is ~ \$3,400. Blessings to all for your support of Grace.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 130th year of ministry ~

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Our FACEBOOK PAGE for activities and posts of interest:

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630-365-6751

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)

- * 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... Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Craig Bradley, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindquist), Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister), Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Shana Holtz, Stacy Hooey, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Paul Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindguist, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Brent and Taylor Miller and their families, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bill Werrline, Bob Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Emily Peters, Carol Prevenas, Janelle Ream, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, John Swanson (Margaret Swanson's son), Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Ron Wilken (Missy Barton's father), Bud Wise, Albert Zegiel & 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.