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15th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

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

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

ELW 557, v. 1 – 3/Red Hymnal

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

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 our strength,

C: without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through 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 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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 GOSPEL Mark 7:1-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

⁹Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God) — ¹²then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

¹⁷When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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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: Blessed are you, O God,

C: source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

(An offering will be taken after the prayer.)

Offertory Music

Give Thanks

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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of every generation, renew in the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for justice around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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:

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW 188/Red Hymnal

ELW 608/Red Hymnal

ELW 604/Red Hymnal

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

O Christ, Our Hope

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,

C: you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CLOSING SONG: On Our Way Rejoicing ELW 537/Red Hymnal

On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Go Out with Praise

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

God's law: a sign of a great nation

James 1:17-27

Be doers of the word, not hearers only

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Song of two lovers

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

God has anointed you with the oil of gladness. (Ps. 45:7)

9/1/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF CREATION

The 2024 Ecumenical Counsel (including the Lutheran World Federation) chose the theme "To hope and act with Creation". The annual Christian celebration happens each year to pray and respond to the cry of Creation, between September 1st, the Feast of Creation, and October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

This year, the symbol that will guide the season is "The first fruits of hope," inspired by Romans 8:19- 25. The times we live in demonstrate that we do not relate to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but as a resource to be used. "Creation groans" (Rom 8:22) because of our selfishness and our unsustainable actions that harm it. However, Creation teaches us that hope is present in waiting, in the expectation of a better future (cf. Rom 8:20-21).

To hope in the biblical context does not mean to remain still and silent, but to groan, to cry out and to struggle actively for a new life in the midst of difficulties. Creation and all human beings are called to worship the Creator, working for a dynamic future from which the first fruits of hope can spring.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by the Smykowski family in loving memory of their son, JT. Blessings and thanks!

PARENTS DAY OUT program begins here at Grace on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15am – 1:15pm on September 9th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Rally Day for Sunday School start on Sept. 15th at 9:30am!

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

AUGUST NEWSLETTER is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org (**please note the new website address ends in a “.org” rather than a “.com”**)

NO COFFEE HOUR on Sept 1st or Oct 6th. **INSTEAD**, Sept 8th & Oct 13th.

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

OKTOBERFEST at Grace on September 28th from 5 – 8pm! Hay rides, Kids games, bouncy house, and food! Hope you all can make it!

GRACE’S FALL RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Oct. 4th and 5th. We would appreciate that you safekeep your rummage sale donations until September 21st. PLEASE - No drop-offs in church entryways or classrooms. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE’S COOPERATION IN THIS REQUEST.

GRACE’S 130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on Sunday, Oct 13th 9:30am with cake and coffee to follow. Guest speaker!

FINANCE TEAM is looking for volunteers to sign up as a Counter (counting our weekly offerings). We would like to have a rotating list of volunteers. Please see Linda Smykowski or Tricia Painter for further details.

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

WORSHIP TEAM is looking for volunteers to sign up to help run our church service PowerPoint presentation. We have a list of volunteers but 3 of them are SS teachers and limited on their availability during SS dates. Please see Tricia Painter to learn more about a simple but very necessary component to our Sunday 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!

MISC ITEMS NEEDED/REQUESTED ** 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!***

NEW WATER SOFTNER We have a new water softener installed here at church! We are seeking donations of a bag of solar salt only (cannot use pellets) on a continual basis throughout the year. Please see Kurt Redemann if/when there is a need. Thank you for your consideration.

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are thankful for your 2024 offerings and donations. Offerings received last week 8/26: \$2,128. 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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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 ... 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 Lindquist, 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.