

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9, 2018 ♦ 9:00 am



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

Welcome to Grace of God Lutheran Church today! In today's Gospel we see Jesus respond to the begging and pleading of those who needed his grace. We too come, just as we are, as beggars before God today in need of his grace. Jesus answers our pleading with promises of mercy and the gift of himself. If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here!

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Lord, sin makes us deaf. Touch our ears, open them to your Word,
and have mercy on us.

Lord, sin makes us mute. Touch our tongues, open our mouths to your praise,
and have mercy on us.

Lord, sin makes us blind. Touch our eyes and illumine them with your light,
and have mercy on us.

God has had mercy on us and sent his Son to die for us. Therefore, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Earth and All Stars"

- Stanza 1 – all
- Stanza 2 – women and girls
- Stanza 3 – all
- Stanza 4 – men and boys
- Stanza 5, 6 – all



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing ar - my!
 Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling dry leaves!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!



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He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise him with a new song!

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| <p>5 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Worthy is Christ" (I = women; II = men)



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 8:11-18

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid

wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:24-27

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁸ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

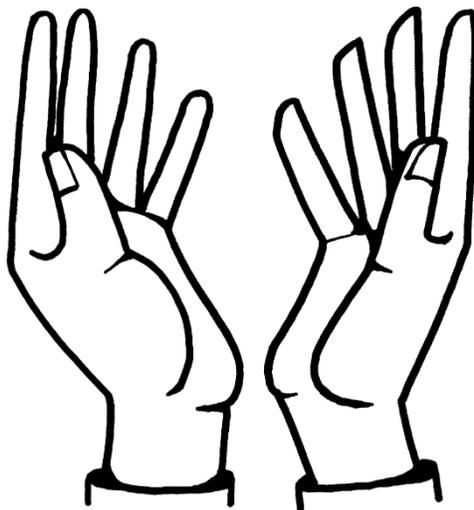
³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY "Just As I Am"



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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

PRAYERS

(response to each petition:)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

You have set this feast before us.

Open our hands to receive it.

Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

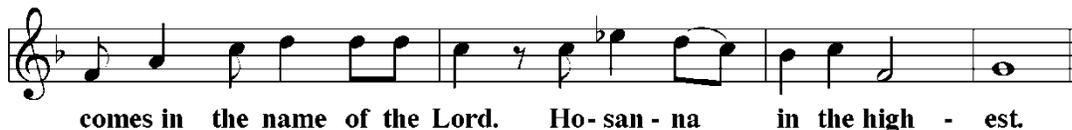
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

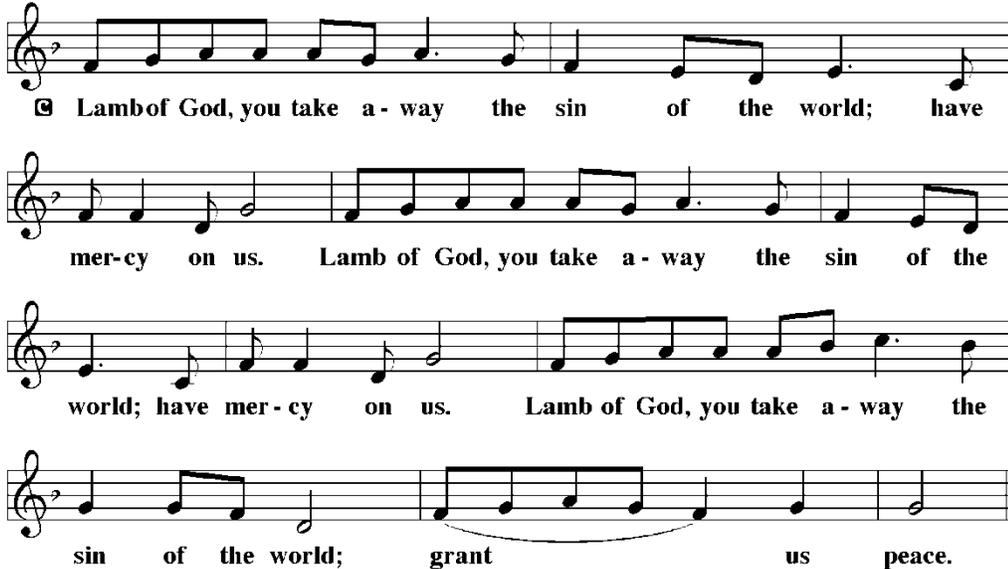


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

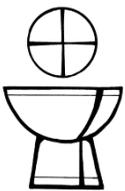
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

AGNUS DEI



**☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

COMMUNION SONGS "Take, Oh Take Me As I Am" (4 x)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

"Open My Eyes"

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| 1. O - pen my eyes, | Lord. | Help me to see | your face. |
| 2. O - pen my ears, | Lord. | Help me to hear | your voice. |
| 3. O - pen my heart, | Lord. | Help me to love | like you. |
| 4. I live with - in | you. | Deep in your heart, | O Love. |

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| 1. O - pen my eyes, | Lord. | Help me to see. |
| 2. O - pen my ears, | Lord. | Help me to hear. |
| 3. O - pen my heart, | Lord. | Help me to love. |
| 4. I live with - in | you. | Rest now in me. <i>Repeat verse 1</i> |

SENDING

DISMISSAL

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.
Amen

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
**you have given us not only this bread and cup,
 but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.**
**Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice,
 may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Hawcis, 1734-1820

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| Worship leader and Preacher | Jon Marxhausen |
| Piano | Kathy Rehbein |
| Elder | Errol Bartz |
| Lector | Janice Henderson |
| Greeters | Allen & Sally Warren |
| Ushers | Becky Vigstol / Jenny Hanson |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Jake Richter |

ALL ARE INVITED FOR FELLOWSHIP AND TREATS AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!

A \$1 suggested donation for treats and coffee helps us to continue to serve our fellowship times!

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

Let's all reach out to one another with the grace of God and the love of Christ!

Welcome Friends!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.
Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.

SMALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

“Busy bags” for young children are available in the classroom adjacent to the worship space near the doors.
That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

KICK OFF SUNDAY TODAY

PUPPETS will perform after worship
Students will have an abbreviated **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**
PICNIC LUNCH FOR EVERYONE!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Begins **THIS Wednesday, September 12**

Light supper at 6 pm

Bible Blazers, Confirmation and Youth Bible Study right after supper

Handchimes at 7 pm

NEW CONFIRMATION CURRICULUM!



grace happens

September 9 - 16, 2018

Sunday, September 9

9:00 am PENTECOST 16
KICK OFF SUNDAY
Puppets, Sunday School after worship
PICNIC LUNCH

Tuesday, September 11

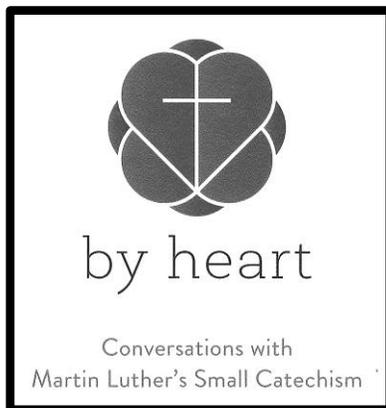
9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
7:30 am Cantate Choir practice

Wednesday, September 12

6:00 pm Bible Blazers, Confirmation and Youth Bible Study
7:15 pm Handchime choir

Sunday, September 16

9:00 am PENTECOST 17
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Class



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Begins **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** at 10:15 am

We will take a 7 week look at Luther's Small Catechism with fresh video intros, a companion book and conversation about the catechism's meaning for TODAY!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

| DATE | ELDER | ACOLYTE | LECTOR | USHERS | GREETERS |
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| 9/9/18 | Errol Bartz | Jake Richter | | Becky Vigstol / Jenny Hanson | Allen & Sally Warren |
| 9/16/18 | Paul Hartleben | George Zetterwall | Roger Prigge | Jim & Jan Roth | Lori Ruppel |
| 9/23/18 | Paul Hartleben | | Cami Hartleben | Bruce Gilman/ Jerry Corson | Errol & Cindy Bartz |

growing in Christ together



Grace Groups make up the small group ministry at Grace of God. Groups of **8-12 people** meet together monthly or bi-monthly to study God's Word, enjoy fellowship and pray. Grace Groups are for adults of all ages, **single or married**. Each group has a leader who facilitates the group gatherings and provides general organization and leadership for the group. Other group members may lead a prepared Bible study, host the gatherings in their homes or provide a simple treat for the fellowship time. Groups determine when and where they will meet and share leadership responsibilities.

These groups have been a tremendous blessing in our congregation and have provided a place of Christian friendship, love and support. And they are fun! ☺ Great things happen when we come together! All are welcome to participate! (Please note: you do not need to be a member of Grace of God to be in a Grace Group)

If you are interested in participating in a Grace Group beginning in September, please let Pastor Jon know! Speak to one of our Grace Group Leaders today!

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Does God really keep his promises to us today?
The answer from The book of Joshua is YES! Faithfully!
We all need fresh assurance of God's dependability. Joshua reminds us.

All ladies are invited for:
prayer, study and fellowship
Each Tuesday morning 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Bring yourself and a Bible and we will provide the rest!
You will be glad you came!

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

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| September 12 - 16 | TEAM 10 Barb Fallert/Kathy Rehbein/Dean Christenson/Franklin Hotzel |
| September 19 - 23 | TEAM 1 Marxhausens and Kaufenbergs |
| September 26 - 30 | TEAM 2 Lori Ruppel / Doreen Rubbert / Pat Randall / Becky Vigstol |

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