

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



When mem'ry fades,
and recognition falters,
when eyes grow dim,
and mind's confused,
speak to our souls
of love that never alters;
speak to our hearts,
by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace,
empow'r us
with patient courage,
by your grace infused.

-Mary Louise Bringle

September 4, 2022

10:00am

Welcome

Hymn

O God beyond All Praising

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Apostolic 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 (Refrains and v 3 – all; verse 1 – women; verse 2 – men)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, 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.

Children's Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Luke 14:25–33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“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. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For 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? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Apostles' Creed

**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 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.**

Prayers of the Church

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.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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.

Offering

Largo

Antonio Vivaldi

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

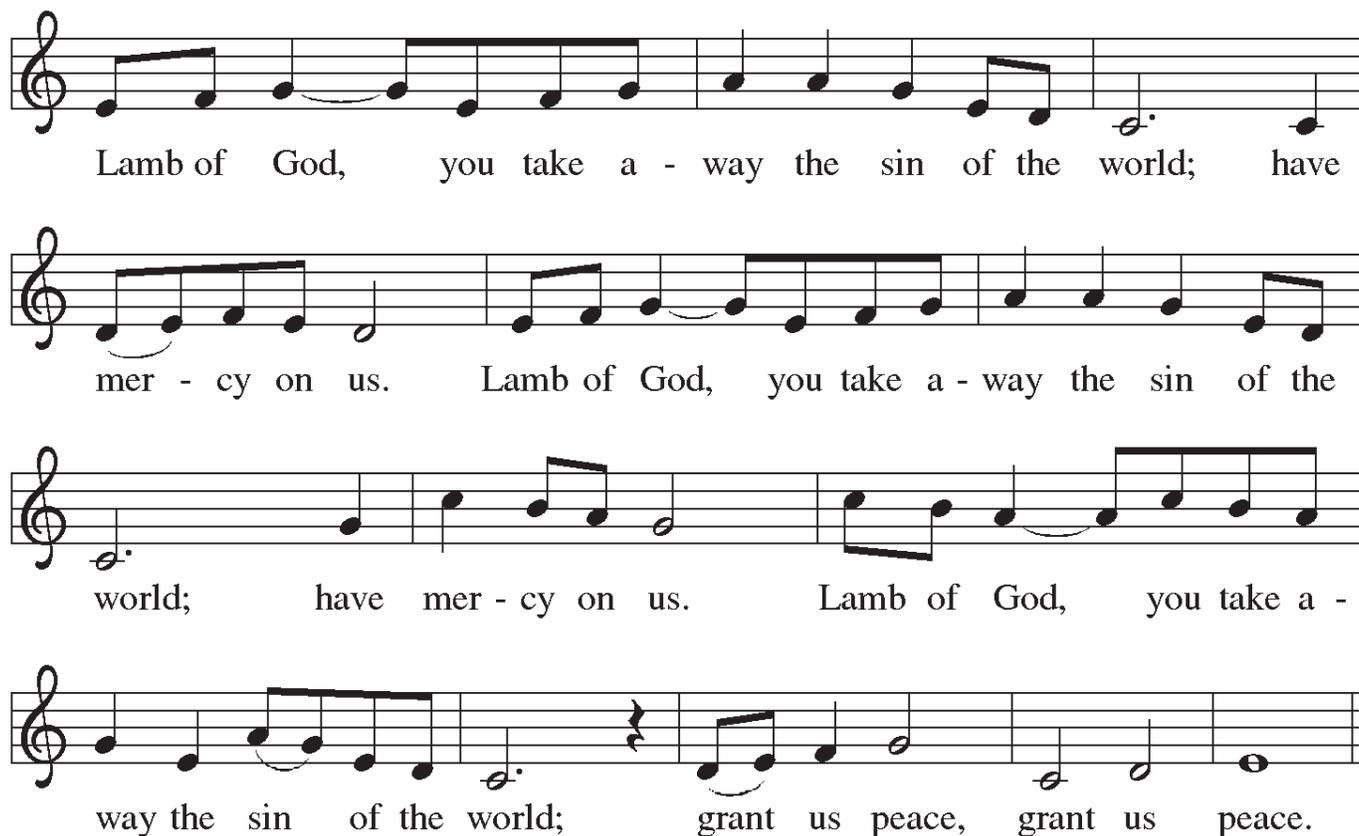
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Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Communion



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, grant us peace.

Office Closed

Next week the church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 on account of Labor Day.

In addition, Andrew will be out of the office on Thursday. There will be a volunteer in the office to answer the phone or help with the copy machine.

It'll be a Great Day! September 11, 10:00am

Rally Day: Let's Launch

10 am Worship in the Parlors, 11am Potluck Lunch in the Parlors

The lunch will include a make-your-own sandwich bar, salads, salty snacks, and ice cream with all the fixings. Please bring an item for the lunch according to your last name:

<u>Last Name starting with:</u>	<u>Bring:</u>
A-C	1 gallon pails of ice cream
D-G	Ice cream toppings
H-I	Salty snacks (potato chips, corn chips, or nuts, etc)
J-L	Bread or buns (Gluten-free will be available)
M-P	Sandwich fixings (deli meat, egg or tuna salad, cheese etc)
Q-S	Pasta, Meaty or Leafy salad
T-Z	Fruit or fruit salad

After lunch, Ministries' Displays can be viewed, games can be played. **Make sure to be there for the Rocket Launch by the Scouts and Grace Kids to signify the launch of Grace's Sunday School and seasonal activities!**

Life & Growth and Education Ministries

Coffee Hour Sign-up

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church for anyone interested in providing coffee. Coffee hour is at 9am before the service, so be sure to have everything ready before then.

Responsibilities would include making the coffee, bringing light snacks, and cleaning up afterward.

Thank you.



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Communion Set-up

Starting September 18, we will be switching to having Communion on every Sunday. I am hoping to have at least five people that are willing to be part of the Communion team. That way, you would do set up on one Sunday a month and those months that we only have four Sunday's, we would have a person in reserve if someone needed help.

If you are interested in serving our congregation on the Communion team, either contact me by phone or email. Or see me in Church on September 4 as I will be setting up for Communion on that Sunday. Thank you!

Please contact Anita Reid if you are willing to serve: 715-835-2248 or voss523@gmail.com

Blessing Box — Thank You



Thanks to our Grace family, our Blessing Box is overflowing!

In Eau Claire County, 1 in 5 children and adults are considered “food insecure”, according to Feed My People Food Bank. (2019)

Your generous donations will help our neighbors in need.

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” — Romans 12:13

Sunday School

Sunday School is set to begin on September 18. After that it will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Worship begins at 10am on Sunday and Sunday School will be held during the service.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s

For those interested in addressing the situation of those living with Alzheimer’s, the Eau Claire Walk to end Alzheimer’s in September 24th. We are invited to walk with the Grace Lutheran Communities team.

You can join the team or donate here:
https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/WI-Wisconsin?team_id=755933&pg=team&fr_id=15972

(The office can help those needing technological support).

The walk-day registration is 8:30 to 9:30am, with the opening ceremony begins at 9:40 and the walk at 10am. The two-mile route begins at 77 Roosevelt Ave.



Crafters' Corner

The Crafters are again planning their Unique Boutique Sale for Saturday, November 5th.

When you are cleaning or taking inventory, the Crafters can use old (slightly used) Christmas wreaths, balls (any color, size, or shape), and any Christmas flowers or other decorations.

This year's Crafting group is trying to raise at least \$2,000 for Grace Communities to repair their patios.



Pacibells Welcomes New Members

If you would like to join our music ministry at Grace, and can read music, you are invited to try handbells! Pacibells rehearses every Thursday, beginning Sept. 8, from 6:00–7:00pm, and we ring for 10:00 worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning Sept. 18.

Please contact Karen Lionberger at bellhog76@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more info.

God's Work, Our Hands

Every year the ELCA invites congregations to put our hands to work in service to those around us. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday at Grace will be September 18th. We will reflect together in worship on God's call to service, and then engage in several opportunities as you feel the call. Specific Eau Claire opportunities include Clean-up in the Northside Cemetery on Omaha (Sunday 1 to 3pm on the 18th), dropping off and receiving items for the Neighbor to Neighbor rummage sale and scholarship program (Saturday 10am to noon, Sunday noon to 2pm at Grace), and bags will be ready for you to fill Little Free Libraries in your neighborhoods.

ADRC Health Promotion Workshops

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County offers evidence-based workshops that can help your clients maintain or improve behaviors for better health and independence! Registration is open for these upcoming health promotion workshops:

- **StrongBodies** Information Session for new participants (virtual and phone conference) orientation for 10-week strength and balance training classes that meet twice weekly for 1-hour – on **September 1**
 - Reduce your risk of falling! **Stepping On** falls prevention workshop (in person) meet for 2 hours once weekly for 7 weeks, classes start **September 13**
 - **Healthy Living with Diabetes** self-management workshop (in person) meets for 2.5 hours once weekly for 6 weeks – starts **September 13**
 - **Stand Up and Move More** (in person) is designed to reduce sedentary behavior (or ‘sit time’) for better health. Meets 1 hour weekly for 4 weeks – starts July 19 and (telephone conference) **September 28**
 - **Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder** (in person) for prevention or early intervention of incontinence among women, 3 sessions over one month – starts July 21 and (virtual) on **October 12**
- To register for any of these workshops: Call the ADRC at 715-839-4735 or go to www.adrcevents.org.

Mission Focus Conversations

On Tuesday, September 13th we will have the final session with Pr Erin Nelson about putting our core values into action. We will move into action goals for the ministry ahead of us. We begin at 6pm on the Parlors.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

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Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: pastorphil@grace-church.org

If you missed one of our services, you can find them on the “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page. If you would like to follow along with a bulletin they can be found on our website (<https://grace-church.org/>) under the “Our Ministry” section.

Services are also broadcast on the following platforms:

Televised Service

Sunday 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Thursday 1:30pm Cable Channel 993 (ChipVal CTV Pub Ed)

Radio Service

Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Thursday by 12:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713