

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



Sept 18



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

September 18, 2022
10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Eagles' Wings
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Anne K Organ (piano)
arr. Jason W. Krug (Pacibells)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

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.

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.

Amen.

Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 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.

Final refrain

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Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Time

Children three years or older are invited to participate in Sunday School at this time.

First Reading: Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

El Shaddai

Michael Card & John W. Thompson

El shaddai, el shaddai
El-elyon na adonai
Age to age You're still the same
By the power of the name
El Shaddai, el shaddai
Erkamka na adonai
We will praise and lift You high
El shaddai

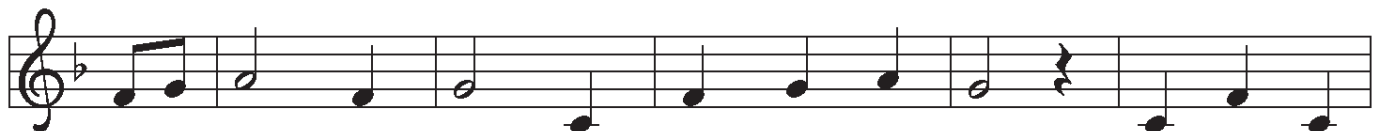
Through the years you've made it clear
That the time of Christ was near
Though the people couldn't see
What messiah ought to be
Though Your word contained the plan
They just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done
Through the frailty of Your son

Through Your love and through the ram
You saved the son of Abraham
Through the power of Your hand
Turned the sea into dry land
To the outcast on her knees
You were the God who really sees
And by Your might
You set Your children free

El shaddai, el shaddai
El-elyon na adonai
Age to age You're still the same (ooh)
By the power of the same (ooh)
El shaddai, el shaddai (ooh)
Erkamka na adonai
I will praise You til I die (ahh)
El shaddai (ahh)

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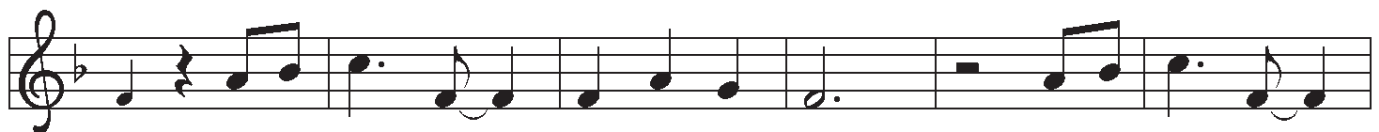
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I will praise You till I daie (Praise you)
El shaddai (ooh, ooh)

Gospel Acclamation

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



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

Gospel: Luke 16:1–9

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus also said to the disciples,

“A certain rich man heard accusations that his household manager was scattering his wealth. He called the manager in and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you’re fired!’

The household manager said to himself, ‘What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I’m not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I’ll do so that, when I am fired from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.’ One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.’ Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’ He said, ‘Take your contract and write eight hundred.’ The master applauded the tricky manager because he acted shrewdly.

People who belong to this world are more shrewd in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use wealth that’s ill-gotten to make friends for yourselves so that when it’s gone, you will be welcomed into an eternal home.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn

Let Justice Flow like Streams

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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

Holy God, we gather in this service of celebration that our lives might become celebrations of serving you and our neighbors. So we raise before you the concerns on our serving hearts.

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.

MEAL

Offering

We Come to the Hungry Feast

Mark Sedio

Offering Prayer

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 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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

Pacibells

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

arr. Jason W. Krug

Prayer after Communion

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.

Amen.

SENDING

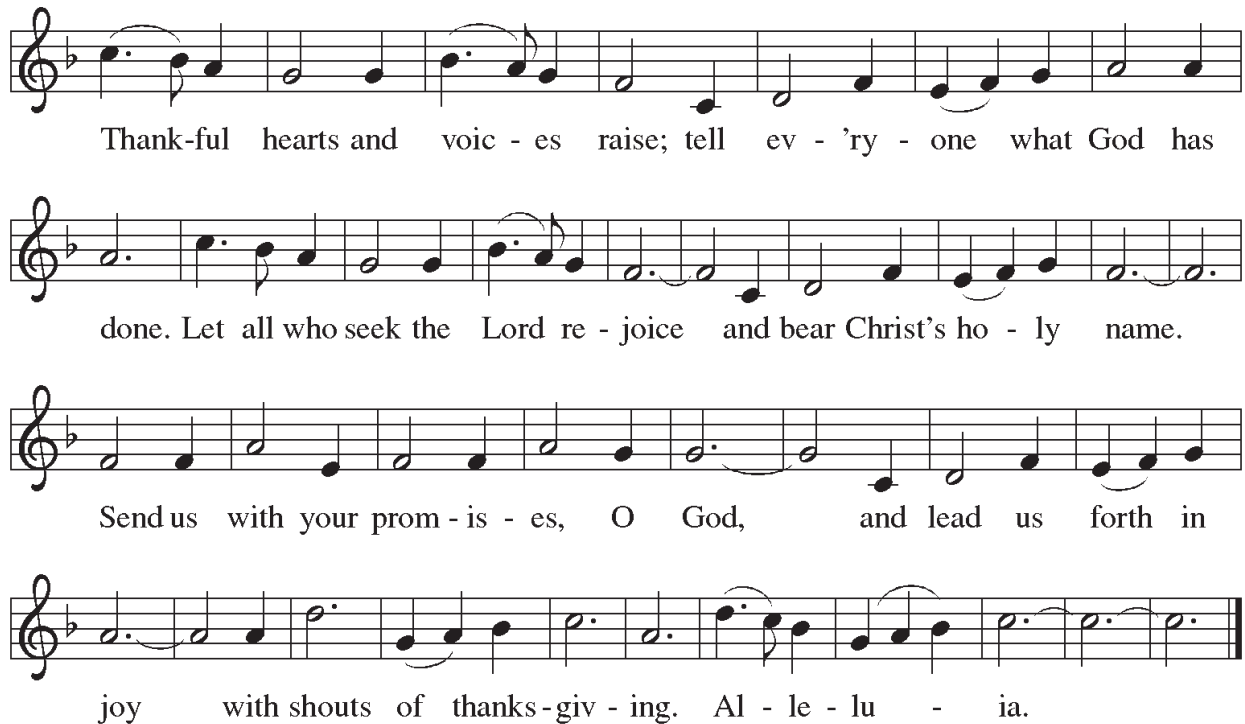
Blessing

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Hymn

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I Come with Joy

Curt Oliver

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Minister: Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Pete Lokken

Reader: Molly Wilson

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will begin this Sunday (September 18) at 9:30am before the service. Pastor Phil will be doing the set-up this week.

We are still looking for volunteers to set-up and clean-up for the other Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those who are interested.



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

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.



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**, 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.

Grace Church Choirs

Our Adult Choir is welcoming new members of all skill levels. If you have a love for singing and would enjoy sharing any level of gifts with your fellow congregation members, please give us a try. We meet on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:00 — 8:30 p.m.** weekly and **Sundays** from **9:00 — 9:30 a.m.** to prepare for our anthems that day. The choir is a very welcoming and supportive group! Even if you are only able to join us every other week, please give us a try. All are welcome!

The Family Choir will be meeting the second and fourth Sundays every month directly after the services. All ages are welcome. Helpers accompanying smaller children or older parent are also wonderful additions. Share the gift of music and praise with your family members this year.

If you have questions, please email or call Diana Cataldi at gracechoirec@gmail.com or (937)903–0059.

Crafters' Corner

The Crafters will have merchandise out at Coffee Hour until their Unique Boutique sale on November 5th. There will be hand crafted items plus items from Grace Communities Gift Shop. Proceeds will go toward Grace Communities Patio upgrades.

Rally Day Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who attended the Rally Day: Let's Launch event last Sunday! The worship was very nice, as was the lunch including conversation with friends and other members. The Ministries provided a display that described the work each ministry does and they were very nice as well. Brad Candell and his Scouts provided a wonderful "launch" to our program year by launching paper rockets the kids made after the lunch was over. Thanks to everyone who participated in worship, made ministry displays, brought food, participated in the launch, helped with clean-up. It was a great day!

Youth and Family Education and Life Growth Ministries

Synod Advocate Talk

Tuesday, **September 20th**, the Synod Advocate for Right Relationships, Rev. Sara Bishop will host a walk in the woods at Luther Park. This is an opportunity to tell Sara what we want or need for justice work in the synod.

Bring a lunch and join us from **9-3**. If you want to skip the walk but join the talk, we'll see you around **noon!** This invitation is for anyone; ministers, members, the curious or the concerned. Rev. Bishop has worked and served around the globe, together with her husband who is a US diplomat.

Church Directories

For Rally Day the church produced copies of the directory for our members. If you didn't realize they were available, or weren't able to attend Rally Day, don't worry. We still have many extra copies.

If you would like a directory, you can locate them on the table in the back of the narthex.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: info@grace-church.org

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