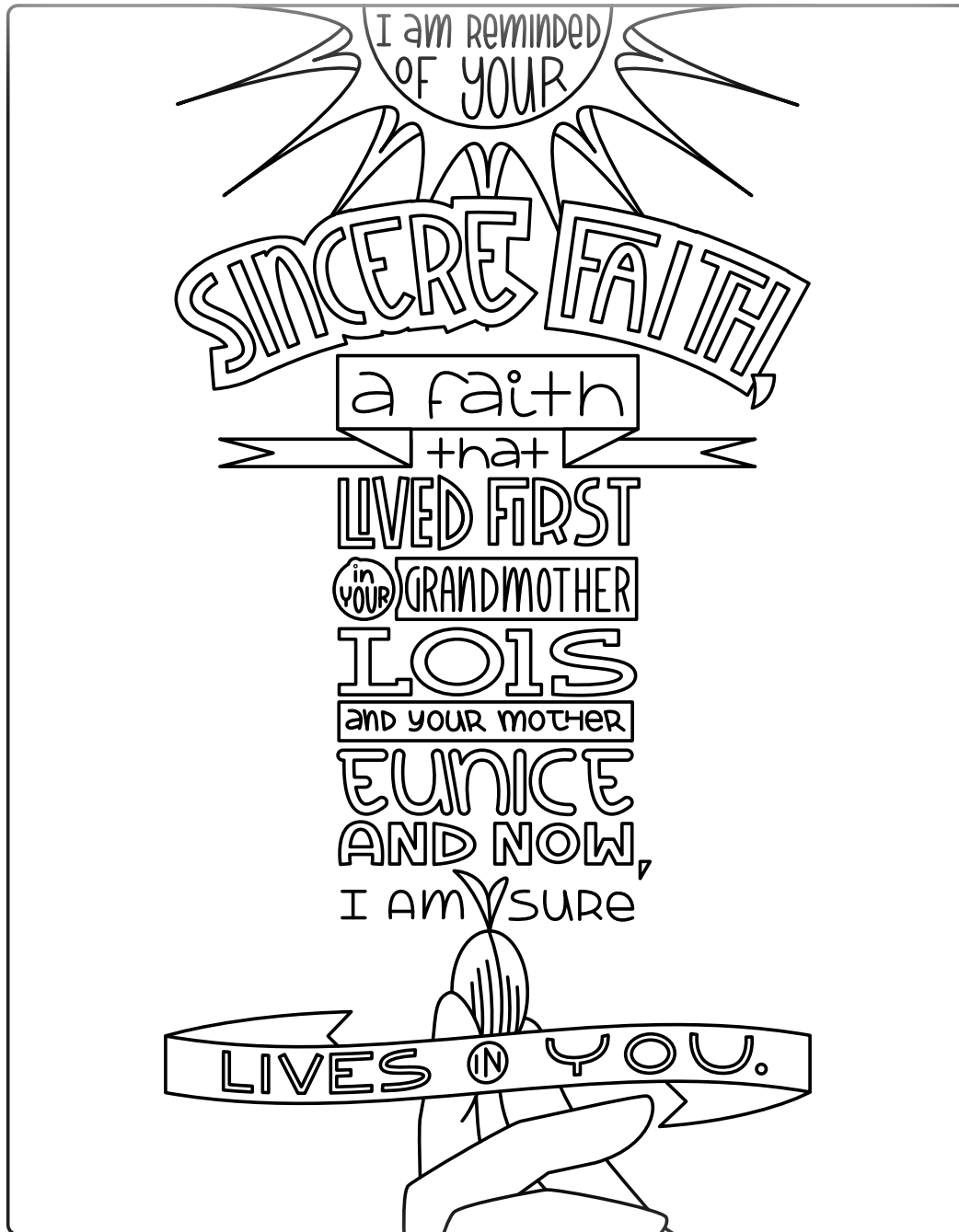


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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October 2, 2022

10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J. S. Bach

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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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

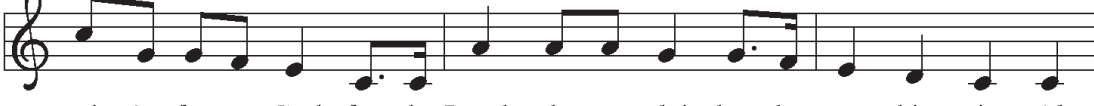


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

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



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.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of 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: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte, arr. Courtney

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

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 17:5–10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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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

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.

MEAL

Offering

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J. S. Bach

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

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.

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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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

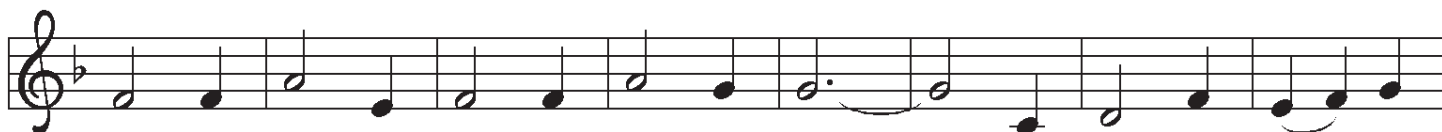
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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

Prelude in B Major

Marcel Dupre

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Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi



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Stewardship Sunday

A Celebration of Service

October 9, 11:00am after worship come to the Parlors. Get your raffle ticket and your contribution letter.

- Enjoy a light lunch.
- Hear how our members serve our church and our community.
- Good chance to win as there will be continuous drawings.
- You can get more raffle tickets by bringing or wearing t-shirts like the ones on display, or any others that demonstrate how you have served our church or our community.

Don't forget to pick up your contribution letter. You can return the lower half by either putting in it the collection plate during service or by mailing it back to the church in the provided envelope. Thank you.

Disaster Relief

Below is a personal message from Pastor Keith Muschinske who lives in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin but most recently served congregation in the Alaska Synod. He was a pastor at Grace from 1989-1993.

Typhoon Merbok (Alaska) Update and Appeal

The September 20th issue of the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram highlighted a recent natural disaster in an area of the country especially near and dear to my heart, the northwestern coast of Alaska. Together, the article and photo of the Nome seashore on page B5 convey a sense of the heart-pounding, heart-stopping force of Typhoon Merbok as it delivered its final, heavy blows to the primarily Native Alaskan populated villages along the shores of the Bering and Chukchi Seas.

But why do I say “near and dear to my heart”? Because after I retired out of a final assignment at Joint Base Elmendorf–Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska — retired from a career as an Air Force chaplain — I spent the next several years traveling around the state filling in “temporarily” during the absences of local ELCA pastors. And four of those “interims” took place in two villages among the dozen or so pounded by Merbok’s wind, waves and torrential rains. In total it was about six weeks spent in Nome and over two months in — and on — a barrier island and village both called Shishmaref. That small community of about 600 is especially on my heart and mind today since it lies on nothing more than a slightly elevated sand spit along the Chukchi. I can only imagine the devastation wreaked and the rebuilding that lies ahead, for those in all the villages.

But the needs of Alaskans hit by Merbok bear a special urgency, one somewhat hidden in the lengthy article in the Leader–Telegram. It will be the second of an inevitable one–two punch by Mother Nature, although mentioned somewhat in passing by Becca Luce of Nome in that article since it is simply a fact of life in Alaska. “Freeze–up is near.” Indeed, take all the flooding, all the destruction levied on homes and infrastructure — limited as that infrastructure may be in those remote villages accessible by the rest of the... world... only by air or sea — then toss in that pending punch of winter in Alaska and the need for an urgent, coordinated, EXPENSIVE disaster response for those villages becomes crystal... clear.

So how can you help? Go to <https://alaskacf.org> website of The Alaska Community Foundation, to gather information on and donate to the most highly funded and coordinated disaster response to date. The Rasmuson Foundation (based in Anchorage), Alaska Airlines, and the Saltchuk Family of Companies each gave \$25,000 to jumpstart this fund, and thanks to the support of the Rasmuson Foundation, one hundred percent of your gift goes directly to support the Typhoon Merbok relief efforts.

Hurricane Response

The situation:

Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico on Sep. 18 — five years after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. A Category 1 storm, Fiona caused an island–wide blackout and brought catastrophic flooding, with some areas receiving more than 20 inches of rain. After hitting Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in the Dominican Republic, bringing severe flooding and 90 mph winds. The storm continues to strengthen and move northwest.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to support impacted communities, some of which are still recovering from Hurricane Maria. While communities are more prepared than in 2017, significant relief and recovery is expected to be needed. Local pastors are waiting for water levels to recede to find out the extent of the damage to buildings. Anticipated immediate needs include clean water, food supplies and other basic necessities.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for the communities impacted by Hurricane Fiona. May God’s healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

Give

Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Fiona. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” (<https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief>) will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes until the response is complete. Or make a general donation to Lutheran Disaster Response (<https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>) so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.
- "Like" Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook, follow @ELCALDR on Twitter and follow @ELCA_LDR on Instagram.



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is back in session. Meet at chapel at 9:00am.

We are still looking for volunteers to bring snacks and clean-up. The staff will provide the coffee. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee table for those who are interested.

Communion Set-up

Starting September 18, we switched 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

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.

Fall Arts Celebration

Calling all Grace artists!

The first annual FALL ARTS CELEBRATION will be happening at Hope Lutheran on Reformation Sunday October 30th.

Grace will be one of six churches sponsoring the event that will include a concert as well as a display of local art (woodcarvings, jewelry, pottery, photography, stained glass, batik and paintings).

We are looking for local artists who are willing to share their gifts with the community. Your artwork can be for viewing only or for sale depending on your preference.

If you are interested, please contact Lynn Ziehr at 715-577-5440.



Noisy Offering

A Season for Change

Save your coins and let them FALL in the Noisy Offering on October 16. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. (Even though it doesn't make as much noise when dropped into the collection cans, paper money is also greatly appreciated!)

October is National Hunger Awareness month so our special offering will go to The Community Table. Since 1993, The Community table has been working to ensure everyone in the Eau Claire community has something to eat. They currently serve approximately 90 meals each and every day of the year.

Make some noise and help our neighbors in need!

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers for this Sunday (Oct 2) were provided by Jan Adams in honor of her birthday. Thank You.

Altar flower sign-up cards are available again. Pick one up in the entryway off of the Oxford Ave Parking Lot. Please choose a card for the date you would like, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. If you choose a florist other than 4 Seasons, you will be responsible for bringing the flowers the morning of the service.

We are also trying out a new program. If you are giving electronically through Vanco, there is now an option to purchase altar flowers through Vanco's website or their mobile app. Please order at least a week in advance to give us time to process your request.

If you have ordered altar flowers through 4 Seasons and have taken them home, please return the vase to Andrew in the office so we can bring them back to 4 Seasons to be used again.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

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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