

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

And putting a
CHILD
in their midst,

Jesus declared her a
SACRAMENT

#earlysermonseeds

#Mark 9:37

September 22, 2024,

10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Sonata IV: Andante religioso, Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

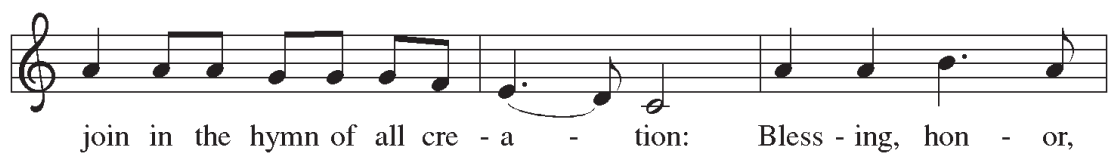
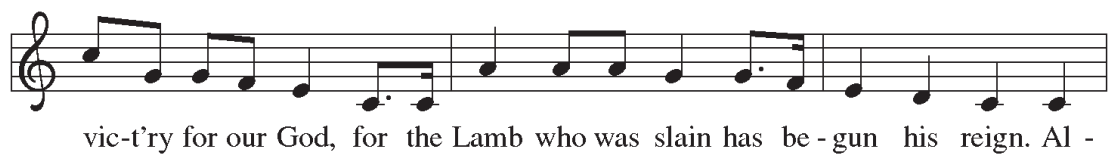
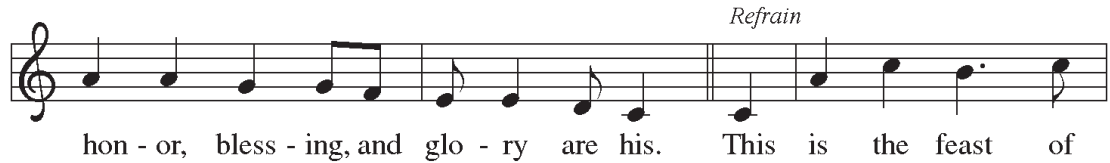
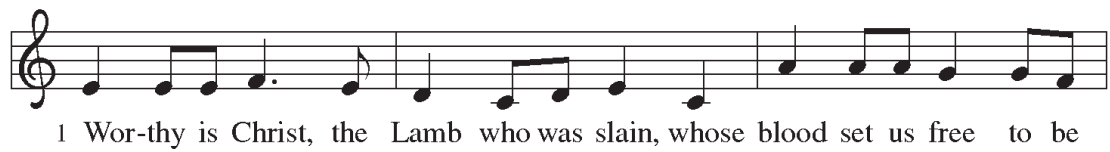
Amen.

Opening Hymn Thy Holy Wings

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Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast



Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 11

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from James, chapters 3 & 4

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸aDraw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Who Is The Lamb?* *Jean Shafferman & Lloyd Larson*

Who is the Lamb who sleeps in stable warm? Who is the Lamb, secure in Mary's arm?
Who is the Lamb whom heavenly angels charm? Who is the Lamb who preaches in the
field? Who is the Lamb the blind and sick to heal? Who is the Lamb for us His life to yield?

Who is the Lamb? The Promised One, the sinless son, His death is our salvation won.
Who is the Lamb who comes down heaven's path? Who is the Lamb? A cross is on His
back!

Who is the Lamb who groans and breathes His last? Who is the Lamb? The Promised One,
the sinless son, His death is our salvation won. Behold the Lamb of God! The Lamb who
takes away the sins of the world!

Who is the Lamb? Who is the Lamb for us His life to yield? Behold the Lamb of God!

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.

**The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 9 (Pastor Phil's translation)
Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰ And going out from there, they were passing through Galilee, and Jesus didn't want anyone to know it, ³¹ 'cause he was teaching his disciples, and he was telling them, "The Human One is to be handed over to human hands, and they will put him to death, and three days after being put to death he will rise." ³² But they didn't understand what he said, and they were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet, 'cause on the way they had been discussing with each other who was greatest. ³⁵ And sitting down, he summoned the twelve and says to them, "If anyone wants to be most important, that person will be least of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And taking a little child, he stood her in their midst, and putting his arms around her, he said to them, ³⁷ "All who receive one such little child in my name receive me, and all who receive me receive not me but the One who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day Children of the Heavenly Father

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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

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.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Thy Holy Wings

John Ferguson

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, 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.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

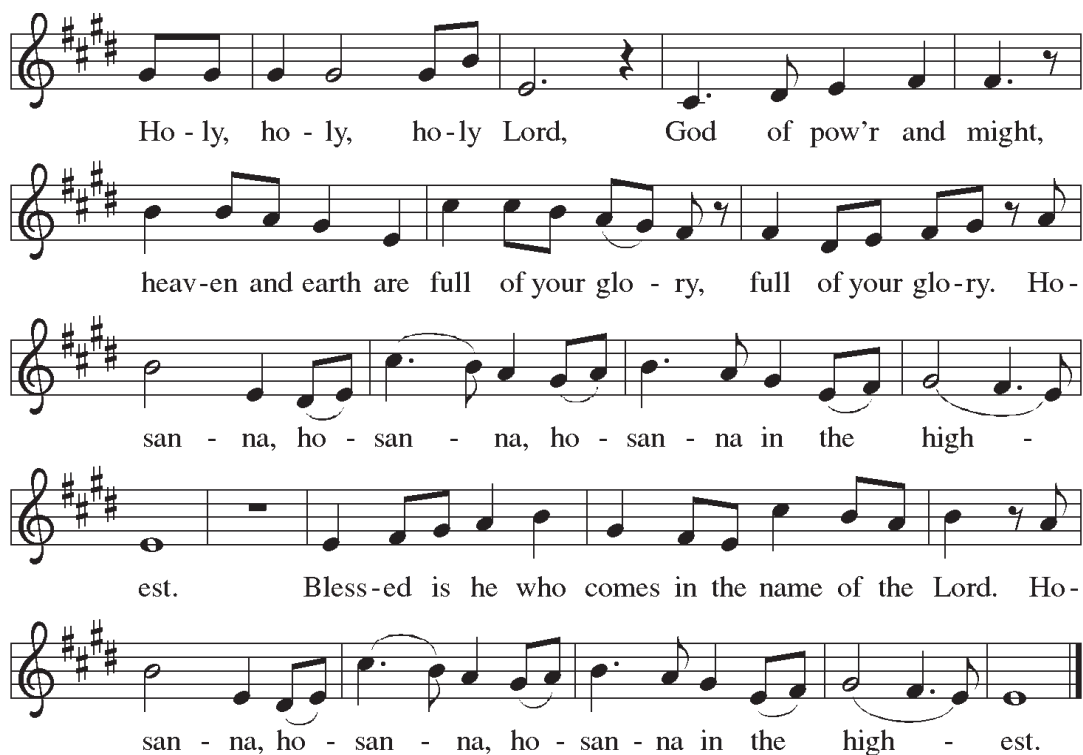
Lift up your hearts.

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

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.

The Taste of Song

Words by Margaret Ward Morland

Music by Stefani Zuchetto Pfaff

1. We are nourished by heav - en's man - na When we
2. Seeds of love bear fruit of ser - vice, Du - ty's
3. Ev - ery day His won - ders 'round us, Mir - a -

love the Lord life - long. With His bread He fills our
feast a sav - or strong. Joy - ful gift of self for
cles we live a - mong. Sure be - lief makes wine from

hun - ger, Christ the source from whom we've sprung. Then our
oth - ers Feeds our spir - it, feeds the throng. Then our
wa - ter, At His ta - ble we be - long. Then our

mouths are filled with laugh - ter, On our tongues the taste of song.
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Prayer After Communion

Holy God, 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.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

J. S. Bach

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (22th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

ADRC – Stepping On – 10am

Prayer Group – 11am

ADRC – Healthy Living with
Diabetes – 1pm

Jonah Action Night – 5pm

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park
Neighborhood Association

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am

Text Study – 12pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (29th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Birthday Invitation

You are invited to Norma Lionberger's 90th birthday party, Saturday, September 28, 2–4 pm, at Eastridge Estates Apartments, 3504 Hoover Avenue, Altoona. It's just one block east of Fairfax St. and Eastridge Mall. (no gifts, please)

Sunday School

Sunday School starts this week. Check out the following schedule for the rest of the year.

- September 22
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15

Sunday school takes place right after the Children's Time during the service. See you there!

Small Catechism

Pastor Phil will lead a series on Martin Luther's Small Catechism every other week during the Fall called Getting To The Heart Of Faith. Each session will be 45 minutes long shortly after worship ends.

- Sept 22 Getting to the heart of faith: an introduction to the catechism
- Oct 6 The Ten Commandments
- Oct 20 The Apostles Creed
- Nov 10 The Lord's Prayer
- Nov 24 The Sacraments and Daily Life

Copies of the Small Catechism are available in the narthex.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713

