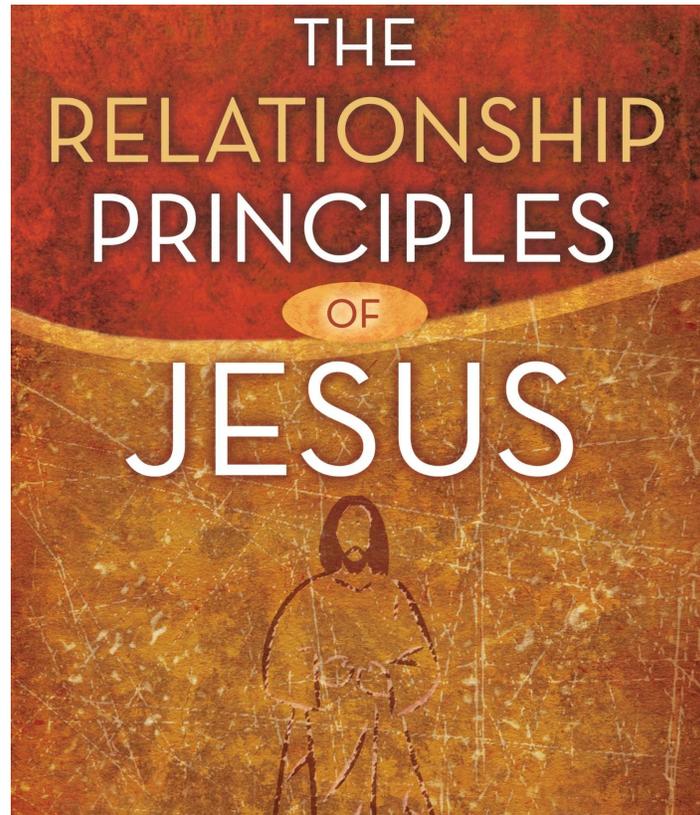




GRACE LUTHERAN

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SEPTEMBER 12: INTRODUCTION

SEPTEMBER 19: PRINCIPLE 1 - PLACE THE HIGHEST VALUE ON RELATIONSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 26: PRINCIPLE 2 - LOVE AS JESUS LOVES YOU

OCTOBER 3: PRINCIPLE 3 - COMMUNICATE FROM THE HEART

OCTOBER 10: PRINCIPLE 4 - AS YOU JUDGE, YOU WILL BE JUDGED

OCTOBER 17: PRINCIPLE 5 - THE GREATEST ARE THE SERVANTS

OCTOBER 24: PRINCIPLE 6 - TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT THEM TO TREAT YOU

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 - 5:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

“Grazioso”
(Grace Bells)

Donald Allured

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Beautiful Savior”

Hymn 537

([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

***THE INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSICLES** *(Based on The Relationship Principles of Jesus)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The ancient prophet Moses calls on us to Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and might.

People: Lord God, help us to put love first in our faith and our friendships.

Pastor: The book of Proverbs informs us that reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

People: Lord God, inspire in us kind words and affirmations to foster trustworthy communication.

Pastor: The apostle Matthew warns us that if we cast judgement, we too will be judged.

People: Lord God, temper our hypocrisy, and give us strength to act with integrity and mercy.

Pastor: Christ instructs us to humble ourselves, and our reward will be great in heaven.

People: Lord God, give us wisdom not to exalt ourselves, but rather to act with humility and to notice the needs of those around us.

Pastor: In Paul's letter to the Romans, he reminds us that God demonstrated His own love for us by sending His Son to be sacrificed on the cross.

People: Lord God, let this be a reminder that we should strive to meet the needs of others with empathy and compassion.

***THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we often fall short of these ideals. Let us come before You with confession, seeking forgiveness for our sins.

People: Loving God, we confess that we don't always love first. Our faith can be weak, our friendships can falter. We fail to trust in You as our relationships around us suffer. We humbly ask for forgiveness for these failings.

Pastor: People of God, your confession has been heard. Almighty God, in His mercy, gave His Son to die on the cross to forgive you these sins, named and unnamed. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in

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

People: Amen.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Hymn 845

(vv. 1 & 3)

**Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.**

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:6, 9-10

¹⁷A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

²⁴A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy... ⁹Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel. ¹⁰Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-15

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“Jubilee”
(Grace Bells)

Arnold Sherman

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

Hymn 706

**Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.**

**Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ’s humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.**

Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

THE SERMON

“Principle 2: Love as Jesus Loves You”

John 13:34

***PROFESSION OF FAITH - Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

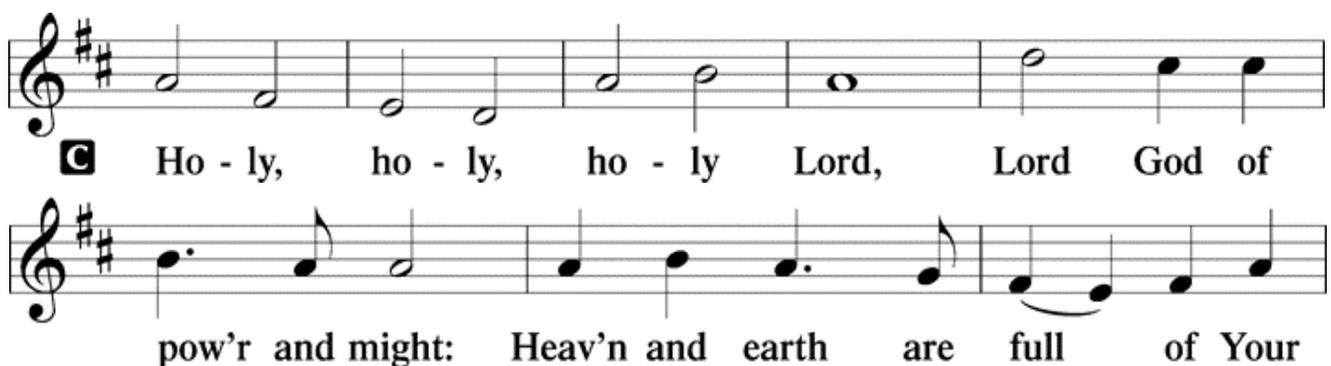
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

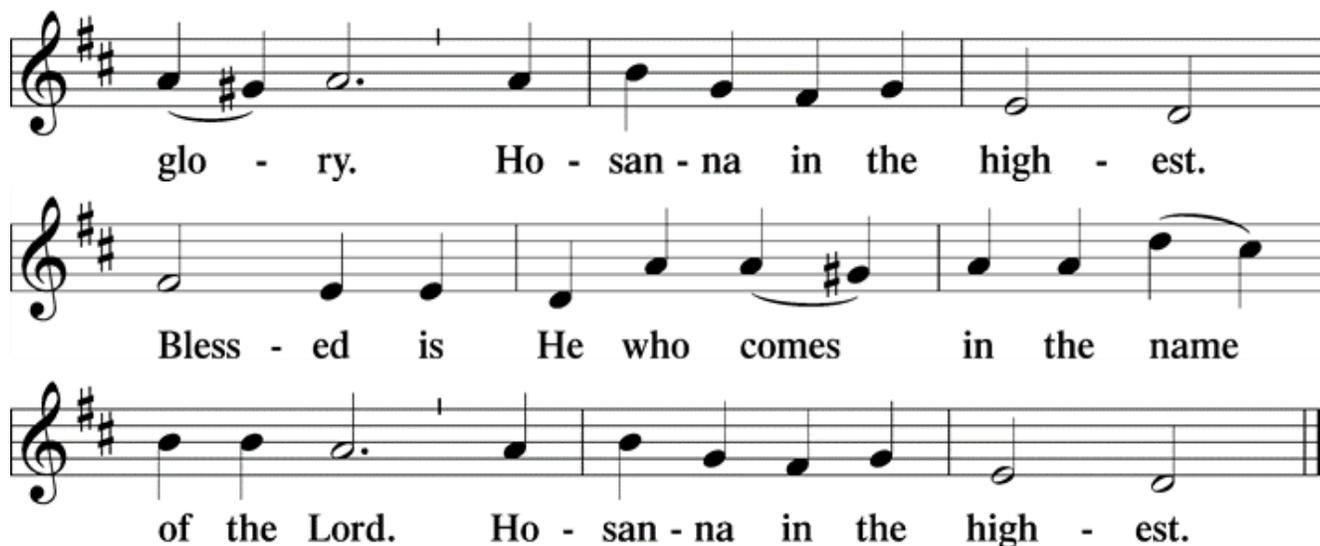
Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

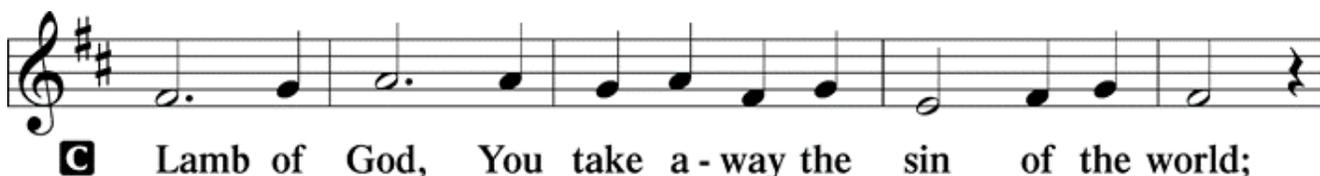
***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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**



C 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PERSONAL PRAYER AND BLESSING UPON LEAVING WORSHIP

Almighty and Merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and through Word and Sacrament received both the forgiveness of my many sins and the assurance of Your love for me in Christ Jesus. I thank You for this undeserved grace. Bless me with Your Spirit and keep me in Your gracious favor, that I may be an example of trust in You and a vessel of Your love to others, until with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

(Worshippers are self-dismissed to exit after communing.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“How Wide the Love of Christ”

Hymn 535

**How wide the love of Christ!
 It knows not class or race
 But holds our one humanity
 Within its broad embrace.**

**How long the love of Christ!
Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.**

**How high the love of Christ!
Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.**

**How deep the love of Christ,
Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.**

**All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!**

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

Hymn 642

**O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.**

**My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.**

**Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.**

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WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Organist	Nick Klemetson
The Communion Deacons	Vickie Ryan, Roger Walker
The Lector	Bill McComb
The Welcome Team/Ushers	Bill McComb, Bill Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Liturgist/Celebrant	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist/Bell Choir Director	Nick Klemetson
The Sound Technician	Rodney Steffen
The Elder on Duty	Jennifer Smith
The Communion Deacons	Fred Aceto, Dr. Terry Hostler, Bet Tucker, Jeff Wittcop
The Lectors	Angie Nierman, Steve Nierman
The Robing Leader	Julia King
The Crucifer	Lilliann Witcher
The Acolytes	Lauren King, Maxwell Ladner
The Welcome Team Greeter	Linda Aceto
At the Welcome Center	Sally Anderson
The Welcome Team Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister