GRACE LUTHERAN CHAPEL

*Grace Chapel exists to make and keep disciples for Jesus Christ.*

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Saturday, July 24, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.**

WELCOME/GREETING

OPENING HYMN “God Himself Is Present,” No. 907

**1 God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him  
    And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; All within keep silence;  
    Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.  
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior;  
    Praise His name forever!**

**2 God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;  
    See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,  
    Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises  
    That Your Church now raises.**

**3 Fount of ev’ry blessing, Purify my spirit,  
    Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You,  
    May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial  
    As the hosts celestial.**

INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 11:33, 36*

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*

**How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.*

**To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God’s place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.*

**O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

*God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “When Morning Gilds the Skies,” No. 807, vv. 1, 3, 5

**1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,  
    “May Jesus Christ be praised!” When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**3 No lovelier antiphon In all high heav’n is known  
    Than “Jesus Christ be praised!” There to the\_eternal Word  
The\_eternal psalm is heard: “May Jesus Christ be praised!”**

**5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,  
    Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!” God’s whole creation o’er,  
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

SALUTATION

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You,*

*strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us*

*from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with*

*You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 9:8-17

**8**Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9**“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, **10**and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. **11**I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” **12**And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13**I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14**When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15**I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16**When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” **17**God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 136:1-9 *(Spoken responsively)*

1*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.***2Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**3***Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

**4to him who alone does great wonders,for his steadfast love endures forever;**

**5***to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;***6to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

**7***to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;***8the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;**

**9***the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;*

EPISTLE Ephesians 3:14-21

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Mark 6:45-56

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**45**Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. **46**And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. **47**And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. **48**And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, **49**but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, **50**for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” **51**And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, **52**for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

**53**When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. **54**And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him **55**and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. **56**And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON “Prayer for Spiritual Strength”

Ephesians 3:14-21 – Pastor Nate Ruback

SERMON HYMN “O Love, How Deep,” No. 544

**1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!**

**2 He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.**

**3 For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.**

**4 For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.**

**5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.**

**6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
  
Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “Evening and Morning,” No. 726

**1 Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,  
    Wealth, peace, and gladness, Comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number, Awake or in slumber,  
    Thine eye observes us, From danger preserves us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.**

**2 Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me;  
    Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors  
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings, Direct all my doings;  
    As it may please Thee, Retain or release me;  
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.**

**3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me;  
    Though billows tower, And winds gain power,  
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
Joys e’er increasing And peace never ceasing:  
    These shall I treasure And share in full measure  
When in His mansions God grants me a place.**

**4 To God in heaven All praise be given!  
    Come, let us offer And gladly proffer  
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.  
He well receiveth A heart that believeth;  
    Hymns that adore Him Are precious before Him  
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.**

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POSTLUDE

*Grace is for all!*