


12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 2022



BE NOT FORGETFUL
TO ENTERTAIN
STRANGERS: FOR
THEREBY SOME HAVE
ENTERTAINED
ANGELS UNAWARES.

HEBREWS 13:2

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin. If you are visiting our church for the first time or have been away, welcome. Please sign our visitors book in the Narthex (lobby) or fill out a connection card located in the seating areas of the sanctuary.

- ✚ Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ.
- ✚ Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus , and...
- ✚ Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.

We thank those serving in worship today...

Altar Guild: Brenda, Clare, Marleigh, Nancy and Ruth

Worship Assistant/Leader: Shirley Blankenship

~IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS~

If you notice someone missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea by phone, Facebook, email or by calling the church office so we can lift their name in prayer next service. Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

Members of Grace: Jim C., Jon N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Carol F., Carole T., and friends and family of Lois R.

Family & Friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S., Virginia, Elliot, Pastor Inge, Kristi and Lily, Amanda , Cat & Diana S.; Eileen, Marie, Beverlee & Darlene; Mary Anna, Anne B. & Frank; (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Stephanie B. (*Roberta Blumenthal*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Jeanne, & Mc Cowan Family (*Bowdens*); Max S. (*Clare Brick*) Ron, Bonnie & Bob (*Susan Johnson*); Bob & Kim (*Jim Foreman*) Annmarie & Michael Ann (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob & Lou (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim & Vicki (*Meg La Spina*); Janice, friends and family of Cindy (*Diana McArdle*) Bernadette, Lou, Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Donny & Carol (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine, Sal & Ana (*Corinne Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Bob T. (*Brenda Traa*) Dottie C. (*Deborah Walker*); Jeff & Amanda (*Welfields*);

Those serving our country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF; **At Home:** Robert & Mary Ellen Bartholomew, Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Reardon, Barbara Johnson, & Skip Uhrmann; **Shores @ Wesley Manor:** Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble & Catherine Krattenmaker; **Woodview Estates:** Lorraine Moore

*All text in **bold** is to be read aloud*
Please take part in our service by referring to the
*red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (**ELW**) or*
*the blue With One Voice Hymnals (**WOV**)*

GATHERING

WELCOME



Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Thanks be to Thee

by G. F. Handel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,

whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

OPENING HYMN *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power* (Vs. 1-4) **ELW #651**

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.

Please turn to the front section of the red ELW hymnals.

KYRIE **ELW p. 203**

HYMN OF PRAISE **ELW p. 204**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

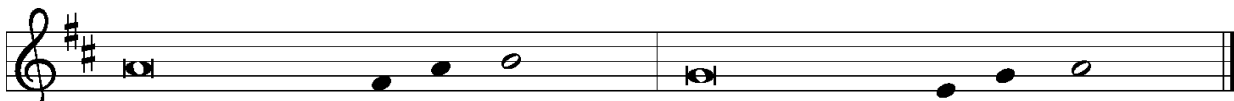
WORD

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands |
fast forever;

they will hold up their | head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wick- | ed
will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Go Now To the Banquet* **ELW #523**

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 power of 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.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Gather at Your Table, Lord

arr. by Walter Ehret

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **WOV#732**
OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Trusting in God's extraordinary love...

A brief silence

Leader: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy...

Merciful God,

Response to each petition: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your children...

All respond: Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

ELW p.207

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite us all, with your body and blood.

May all honor and glory be yours O Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of Christ. Come and be fed. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW p.208¹¹

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

SENDING HYMN

Oh Praise the Gracious Power

ELW #651

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

by Henry Purcell

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

DEDICATIONS



Wine for today's service is dedicated by Roberta Blumenthal



Sanctuary flowers are dedicated by Bruce & Elizabeth Hoelter,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Shannon, Bruce & Paul

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday August 28, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service
10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
4:00 pm AA Group


Monday August 29, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry
7:00 pm AA Group

Tuesday August 30, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry
6:30 NA Group

Wednesday August 31, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry
11:00 am ~Memorial Service
for Lois Rahme 
11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge
7:00 pm NA Group

Thursday September 1, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry
5:00 pm Choir
6:00 pm AA Group-12 Steps
7:00 pm Al-Anon Group


Friday September 2, 2022

10:30 am Grace Stitchers
7:30 pm AA Group

Saturday September 3, 2022

No Events Today

Sunday September 4, 2022

Reverend Glenn Englehart will be
serving in worship on 9/4/2022
8:00 am Spoken Service
10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service
4:00 pm AA Group 

Pastor Althea will
return for worship
Sunday,
September 11, 2022
*Her office hours
are the same*



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
(609) 927-3082

*Pastor is often around the office Monday-Thursday
and she is always available by appointment*

GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY

Pantry is closed the first FULL week of each month

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM