

OCTOBER 9, 2022

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



One of them turned back,
PRAISING GOD

-LUKE 17:15

✠ **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** ✠

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Thank you to all serving in worship today:

Reader: Meg M. Altar Guild: Brenda T., Clare B., Marliegh & Ruth B.

*We welcome you to worship with us. Everything you need to follow along is in this bulletin. All text in **BOLD** is read by the congregation. Our hymn selections are from the Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal and insert.*

Please record attendance & communion with our connection cards.

Thank you for joining us to worship our Lord together!

GATHERING

*Worship is the work of God's people. We worship in response to God's love and care for us.
We remember the sacrifice given for us on the cross so that we may know mercy, love, and grace.*

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

We Come to the Hungry Feast setting by David Cherwien

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our Creator, we come before you, knowing that you are always with us. You know us inside and out and all the places where we need to grow as people of God. Renew and refresh us so that we may feel your love, be ready to serve you, and love our neighbors. **Amen.**

Let us come before God with all of our imperfections ready to hear God's call for our lives.

Merciful and Forgiving God, **we acknowledge that we are not perfect. We turn away from you and we do not always follow your path. We are not always patient, or kind to our neighbors. We seek your will and we ask that you have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we have not done and for the things we have done which have hurt others. Renew our courage and strength so that we do not lose heart in following you. Lead us and refresh us so that you may show us a new vision for loving one another and for our ministry together. Amen.**

Christ became human to know us and love us. God is with us through all of life's joys and frustrations. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare that you are forgiven all of your sins, in the name of Almighty God, Son, and Holy Spirit. May our God, uplift you and strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that you will find eternal love and everlasting life. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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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. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us that we may have a clear path to accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

*We believe that the Spirit can speak to our hearts in many ways.
God works in and through both the read and spoken word of God.*

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 111



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are your | works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full |
of compassion.**

⁵You give food to | those who fear you, remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them
the lands | of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever, because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;

holy and awesome I is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. The seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON**

**Rev. Althea Albright
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Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

We are Baptized in Christ Jesus

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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 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 Know that Christ is Raised
Verse 1, 2 & 4 (ALL) Verse 3 (CHOIR)

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Please stand as you are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You are our Creator and bless us
with all that we have. We are thankful for many things in our lives. As you
have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready
to praise you and to respond to those in need. Bless our time, our talents, and
all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's
creation. *A brief silence*

Leader: Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire
leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may
be known to all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest.
Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your
creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and
deforestation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world
who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of
those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick, especially those we name now or those we name in our hearts...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

God reminds us of his faithfulness to us in Holy Communion.

We are given a tangible sign of God's promises of forgiveness and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty God, You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, even when we feel lost or far from you, your promises remain with us always and you call us all through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming again, when all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **Amen.**

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION HYMN

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to the altar for communion at the rail. Choir will be communed first,
followed by the congregation as you are able. Pastor Althea will come out to commune anyone
unable to come forward.*

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we have experienced Christ in this Holy Supper, may Almighty God
nourish you and encourage you as you continue your journey in faith. **Amen.**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to
conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your
people. Send us forth now as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may
show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

We are blessed to remind us that God goes with us into the world.

Jesus said he will never leave or forsake us. God is with us always even when we face earthly challenges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

SENDING BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with
grace and mercy. And may the Lord look upon you with favor, ✠ and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

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POSTLUDE

We Know that Christ is Raised

by David Cherwien

Please be seated during the postlude. Please take this time to reflect and meditate in prayer...

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live as beloved children of God! **Thanks be to God.**

Dedications

In honor of our granddaughter, Zora Espinoza's 5th birthday.

With Love, GiGi



EVENTS THIS WEEK **October 9, 2022 - October 16, 2022**

Sunday October 9, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Word

8:45 Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Liturgical Word

Children's Sunday school

Fellowship in Gymnasium

following worship

4:00 pm AA Group

Monday October 10, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

10:00 am South Shore

Cluster Pericope

7:00 pm AA Group

Tuesday October 11, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

12:00 pm WELCA meeting

(Lutheran Church Women)

6:30 pm NA Meeting

7:00 pm Support Team

Wednesday October 12, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge

7:00 pm NA Meeting

Thursday October 13, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps

6:00 pm Antique Collectors Board

7:00 pm Al-Anon Group

Friday October 14, 2022

10:30 am Grace Stitches

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Saturday October 15, 2022

No Events

Sunday October 16, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Word

8:45 Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Liturgical Word

Noisy Offering-Seaman's Church Inst

Fellowship in Gymnasium

following worship

4:00 pm AA Group

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JOYFUL NOISE OFFERINGS 2022

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we have raised a lot of coins for these charities: **\$1252.82**

Adelaide's Place, Grace Stitches, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Sister Jean's Kitchen, Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots, Habitat for Humanity, Atlantic Rescue Mission, and Covenant House.

Next noisy offering is: Sunday 10/16/22 for Seaman's Church Inst.

Grace, Love & Fellowship

Fellowship returns to Grace today. Following 10:15 am worship, we are serving coffee and light refreshments. Please join us for some coffee & conversation.

HARVEST HOME PROJECT "FEED THE NORTHEAST"

Grace Lutheran is collecting 500 (plus) items for Grace Place Ecumenical Pantry. We are partnered with St. Johns Lutheran Church & Thrivent. With the rising costs of food, our pantry has seen a very high demand for help. Once we meet the mark of 500 items, Thrivent will generously gift our pantry with a \$500 donation. We are very close to meeting this goal. Thank you to all those who donated.