

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021  
10:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church  
Wenatchee, WA



## **Welcome to Grace!**

*The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.*

*We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.*

*You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.*

*As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.*

## **Our Mission Statement**

"To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **PRELUDE**

***Prelude on "O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts"***

David Cherwien

*Please stand as you are able*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**G** Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

**C** **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.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### **ELW 822, *Oh, Sing to the Lord: Cantad al Señor***

- 1** Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
  
- 2** For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
  
- 3** So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets,  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
  
- 4** Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
  
- 5** For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

## **GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

**p. 138**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**p. 140**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

A reading from Numbers.

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, word of life.

**📌 Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19:7-14

- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>l</sup>ives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to<sup>l</sup> the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>l</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>l</sup> to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>l</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>l</sup> altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>l</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>l</sup> in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>l</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>l</sup> great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>l</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>l</sup> secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not  
get dominion<sup>l</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>l</sup> great offense.
- <sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable<sup>l</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and<sup>l</sup> my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

A reading from James.

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith

will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, word of life.

**🗣️ Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

**📖** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**🗣️ Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

<sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**☪ Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### **ELW 719, *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life***

- 1** Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
  
- 2** In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.
  
- 3** From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.
  
- 4** The cup of water giv'n for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the strong compassion in your face.
  
- 5** O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;
  
- 6** Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

*Please stand as you are able*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** With the whole Christian Church on earth, let us confess our faith.

**C** **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 INTERCESSION

**P** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

### *After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** ...hear our prayer.

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** 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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C** **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.**

*Please be seated*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **COMMUNION**

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C** **Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING****ELW 800, *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

- 1** Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
 wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
 stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
 and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2** I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
 no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
 no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
 but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3** Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4** Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
 one holy passion filling all my frame:  
 the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
 my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **BLESSING**

**P** The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**P** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### *ELW 574, Here I Am, Lord*

**1** "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

#### **Refrain**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**2** "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

**3** "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### *The Fifers*

Jean Francois Dandrieu

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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