

Grace Lutheran Church
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October 6, 2024; 9:00 A.M.
20th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

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

OPENING MUSIC

"Praise"

by Lake, Moore, Brown, Carnes, Barrett, and Furtick

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

We have gathered together to celebrate and give thanks!

God is mighty, shaping mountains and rivers,
rainforests and coral reefs.

**God is tender, forming dragonfly wings,
delicate moss,
and drops of dew.**

Today God is inviting us to care for
everything God has made – and to delight in it!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Let us worship God!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us

cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"All are Welcome"

ELW 641 (One License)

Please be seated.

WELCOME

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another.

Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little

children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and

Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Genesis 2:18-24, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 2*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

Psalm 8

The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 218*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 10:2-16, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 46

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come People of the Risen King"

by Getty, Getty, and Townend (CCLI)

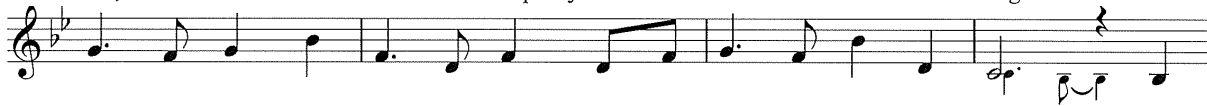
VERSE



1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
(2. Come) those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
(3. Come) young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the



praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
night; Come those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His
faith; Come those with full or emp - ty hands—find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver



shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where
per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but
all the world, His peo - ple sing— shore to shore we hear them call the

CHORUS



stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice, re -
fol - low us through all our days, with the cer - tain hope of peace.
truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our God is all in all."

joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re -

CHORUS

1, 2 | 3

joyce! 2. Come joyce! Re - joyce, re -

3. Come

joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ re -

joyce! _____

Please be seated.

HOLY BAPTISM – Colton Jacob Bissell & Ava Alexandra Bissell

The candidates, parents and sponsors gather at the Baptismal Font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for the Colton, Jennifer & Kenny Redner, present the candidate with these words:
We present Colton Jacob Bissell to receive the Sacrament of Holy baptism.*

*Sponsors for the Ava, Alyssa & James Carlson, present the candidate with these words:
We present Ava Alexandra Bissell to receive the Sacrament of Holy baptism.*

The presiding minister addresses the parents, Alexandra & Jacob Bissell:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra baptized into Christ? *We do.*

As you bring Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them faith and prayer, so that Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra grow in the Christian faith and life? *We do.*

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra and pray for them in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

Assembly, please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Colton Jacob, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Ava Alexandra, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen

Colton Jacob, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

Ava Alexandra, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra, the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *A brief silence.*

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times and rejoice in welcoming Colton Jacob and Ava Alexandra. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____ . Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a physically distant sign of God's peace with one another—wave a greeting of peace to people around you, and/or text a greeting of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.



OFFERING ANTHEM

"Gratitude"

by Lake, Bowe, and Hastings (CCLI)

Please stand as you are able.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 191, left column

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"The Blessing"

by Brown, Carnes, Jobe, and Furtick (CCLI)

Verse

The Lord bless you And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

Bridge

May his favor Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family, And your children
And their children, And their children

May his presence Go before you
And behind you, And beside you
All around you, And within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, In the evening
In your coming, And your going
In your weeping, And rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Go now in peace, to love and serve, with strength and with tenderness, caring for one another, and for everything – for every creature, great and small – that God has made. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

ELW 835, vs. 1-3, 6 (One License)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

"LASST UNS ERFRUEN"



Worship Team

A/V Team: Andrew Thomas

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sheri Conover, Robin Gibbs,
Sandra Olson, Adele Petersen

Greeters: Donna Freeman, Bev Unglaube

Acolyte: Grace Schaaf

Reader: Adele Petersen

Ushers: Laura Boal, Terry Figard, John Widmayer

Children's Sermon: Andy Bellavia

Altar Guild: Nanette Behrns, Sheri Conover, Cathy Meyer, Donna Neubaum

Musicians: Grace Tones

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Presence Light Sponsor:

In memory of Grandparents: Alvin & Alita Phillips and Lloyd & Martha Techmer,
given by Mike Phillips.

Bulletin Sponsors:

In memory of Dick Petersen, loving husband and father; given by Adele Petersen &
Keith Petersen.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of
worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news &
ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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