#### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

August 18, 2019

# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Christian Education Sunday

#### PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend, to me this day Your presence send. Grant me to know Your Word aright and by it know Your Father's love. Lord, by Your suffering, pain and woe, I have redemption and adoption as a child of the heavenly Father. Bless and keep me this day, strengthened by the Word of promise and its fulfillment in You. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen

#### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Grace! It is indeed good for you to be here today. May the Lord bless your time as you hear His Word and respond with hymns, praise and thanksgiving as your faith's response to the Good News of forgiveness and life. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word, please speak with our Pastor. Once again we are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

#### **AS WE GATHER**

Call it "Rally Day" or "Christian Education Sunday," today we celebrate our Sunday School children and those who teach them even as we remember that by grace we are all God's children who need to gladly hear and learn God's Word. The responsibility for teaching children rests with their parents. The role of the congregation is to assist parents in teaching their children God's Word. Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism was written in 1529 to help do just that. There we find before each of the "chief parts" these words: "As the head of the household should teach them in a simple way." The prophet Jeremiah and the greater prophet Jesus remind us that God's Word causes division, even in our households. There are those who gladly hear and learn it and there are those who reject it. Sometimes that division even runs inside us, as we are both saints and sinners at the same time. We can be like the people of Jeremiah's day, listening only to the false prophets who say we have done nothing wrong. But then the Holy Spirit awakens the faith it has given us, and surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses, we turn our focus to Jesus and His cross and find forgiveness and life.

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Mrs. Dorris Deislinger in loving memory of her husband Allen Deislinger and in thanksgiving for blessings received.

#### THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music	<b>:</b> :	Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Deaconess Intern:		Eileen Esget
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Joshua Schnackenberg
Cantor:	(8:15)	Robert Wilimzig
Ushers:	(8:15)	Roy Andrews, Roy Bullard
		John Ketcher, Gary Proud
Greeter:	(8:15)	Ame Andrews
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Lori Jones, Linda Riggin
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Hope Hammond
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jonathan Cline
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Tim Sweeney
Ushers:	(10:45)	Jon Cline, David Faulkner
		Wes Mainard, Chris Pils
Greeter:	(10:45)	Marietta Gutierrez
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Karolyn Ziemer
Coffee Hosts:		Board of Christian Education
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** - The appointed readings for next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost are: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23, The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 12:4-24, and The Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

**Lighting of the Chancel Candles** 

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Shepherd of Tender Youth LSB 864

## Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen

#### **Exhortation**

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, [and] call upon Him in prayer and praise, [and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,] let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen

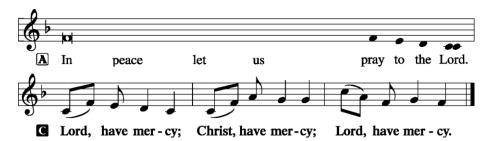
### Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: Ps. 55:22

- P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
- **C** he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- P Give ear to my prayer, O God,
- and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
- **P** For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;
- it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.
- P But it is you, a man, my equal,
- my companion, my familiar friend.
- **P** We used to take sweet counsel together;
- within God's house we walked in the throng.
- P But I call to God,
- **C** and the LORD will save me.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
- P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
- **C** he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Kyrie Mark 10:47



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14; John 1:29



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 23:16-29

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

**Gradual** *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.* 



Fear the Lord, | you his saints,\*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

## **Epistle**

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

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

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse

Jer. 23:29a, 28b



Is not my word like fire, de- | clares the LORD?\*
What has straw in common | with wheat?



Holy Gospel Luke 12:49–53

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

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

#### Apostles' Creed (8:15)

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 1 everlasting. Amen

#### Nicene Creed (10:45)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God. Light of Light. very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified. who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen

Sit

#### Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Hebrews 12:1-3

LSB 655

Sermon

"Focused on Jesus"

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Staff

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

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

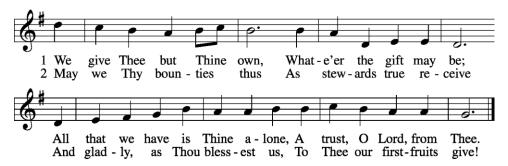
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#### Offering

Stand

## Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781



6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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#### 10:45 service continues on page 12

## Service Concludes (8:15)

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

#### Collect

- Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

#### **Benediction**

C Amen

Closing Hymn: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

LSB 865

#### **Postlude**

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## Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

#### **Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

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

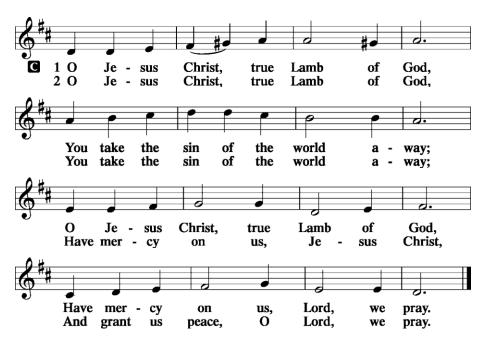
#### The Words of Our Lord

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen

Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

#### Distribution

**Communion Instructions:** The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Hymn: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
LSB 740
Hymn: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace
LSB 580

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

#### P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

#### Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord lift His countenance upon you and H give you peace.
- **C** Amen

Closing Hymn: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

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#### Postlude

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#### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service

9:50 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall

9:50 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church

10:00 a.m. – Pastor Walter's Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall

10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion 4:00 p.m. – Ordination of Joshua Ralston at Grace

**MON -FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) 6:00 p.m. - Consecrated Stewards meeting (Grace Parlor)

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study (Grace Parlor)

7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Vespers Service

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 4:00 p.m. – Joshua Ralston's Installation at Zion Lutheran Church

London, Arkansas (Augsburg)

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The Holy Spirit renewed the life of the sinful woman, enabling her to show love for Jesus in this week's Sunday School lesson, "The Spirit Renews Us: Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus." As a family, discuss, "How does the Holy Spirit renew your life?"

**PASTOR WALTER'S CLASS** meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall and they are studying the Gospel according to St. John.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center and **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP** – **Attendance:** Sunday 8/11:  $\underline{123}$  ( $8:15-\underline{61}$  and 10:45-62). Midweek Service  $8/7-\underline{12}$ . **Offerings:** Sunday 8/11: \$5,693. Midweek Service 8/7: \$260.00. Missions: \$45.00. Scholarship Fund: \$45.00. Building Fund: \$145.00.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Aug. 19 – Elijah Reeder

Aug. 20 – Jane Schroeder

Aug. 21 – Roy Bullard, Arlene Hughes, Patti Wolfenberger

Aug. 22 – Samantha Morrison

Aug. 23 – Daniel Woodyard

Aug. 24 - David Mainard, Charlie Stein

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Aug. 21 – Patti and Klaus Wolfenberger

Aug. 23 - Katie and Michael Litwa

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pastor Paul Jilg was moved into hospice care this week. Susie Barlow continues recovering following back surgery. Jack Funk continues his recovery at home. Chaplain Shawn Found as he is deployed to Kosovo.

**SEND A NOTE** – Please remember Pastor Jilg in your thoughts and prayers. While some may want to visit it is not advisable. If you want to send a note, his address is 2601 Andover Court #416, Little Rock, AR 72227.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family of Brenda Evans who died Thursday in Jefferson, Wisconsin. Brenda is survived by her son Tim and granddaughter Madison of Wisconsin and her niece Justine Baker. Please remember Justine and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Starting September 4**<sup>th</sup> - Mark your calendars for the <u>first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.</u> to 1:00 p.m. You bring your own salad or sandwich and desserts and beverage will be provided. Don't forget your Bible! Your neighbors and friends are welcome, too. Questions? Please contact Eileen Esget (elleen.esgete@gmail.com)(text: 612-817-9401).

**GRACE BOARD MEMBERS** - Would you like to use your gifts and talents in service to the Lord here at Grace? To serve on any of the following Grace boards, please share your name with the director of that board to be considered as decisions are being made to fill positions for next year. Each board position is a 2-year commitment.

Board of Church Properties – John Ketcher Board of Christian Education – Bob Bryant Board of Evangelism – Shaun Baker Board of Endowment – Ralph Olsen Board of Parish Fellowship – Diane Roberts Board of Stewardship – Dave Graf Board of Young People's Work – Dave Roberts

## Joshua Alan Ralston Ordination

 $\label{eq:Grace Lutheran Church} Grace\ Lutheran\ Church\ This\ afternoon\ -\ August\ 18^{th},\ 4:00\ p.m.$ 



## Installation

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

93 Augsburg Road

London (Augsburg) Arkansas

## 10th Annual Fall Craft Show

Mark your calendar for <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 9, 2019</u> for our 10th <u>Annual Fall Craft Show</u>.

We are now accepting vendors. If you or someone you know wishes to participate, please contact me or download an application from the Facebook page. The funds we raise will support Sarah Johnson in her deaconess program at seminary.

We will have 24 amazing vendors and crafters selling items from jewelry to Christmas décor. It is a great place to begin your gift shopping or just to enjoy. And look forward to the delicious pastries sold by our Grace Bakers. If you wish to showcase your talents, applications are now being accepted for booth rentals.

Follow us on Facebook at **facebook.com/groups/gracecraftshow**. Invite friends and family to attend. Tell them about the handmade raffle quilt. Those tickets go on sale in October.

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