

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
August 30, 2020

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to Grace! We are glad that you joined with us today, whether online or here at Grace. Pastor will explain the procedure for those intending to partake of the Lord's Supper at our in-person service. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith as taught here at Grace Lutheran Church, please contact our pastor. We want you to know that though we have begun worshiping "in-person" we will be streaming via YouTube a service for those of you who remain concerned about gathering at church.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Stephana and Tim Loyd in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for a healthy and beautiful baby grandson, Ellis Paul Loyd born to Taylor and Daniel Loyd last week.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:	Kent Schaaf
Director of Parish Music:	Charles Russell
Secretary:	Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:	Colleen Moorman
Deaconess Intern:	Eileen Esget
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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus ~ Paul Soulek
Jesus, Still Lead On ~ David Cherwien

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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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,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, 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

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

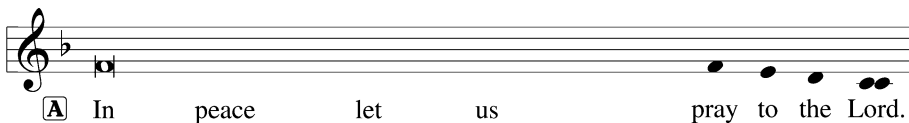
Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4



- P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
- C** Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.
- C** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

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



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

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.



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

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



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

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



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 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

Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse of the Day

Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia.

Alleluia



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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **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

Sermon



Hymn of the Day: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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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**

Service of the Sacrament

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.

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

P 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

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

P 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 ✠ body, 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

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

LSB 634

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this
brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”
- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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Stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God,
thank you for the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth, and the life.
Help us to follow him
and walk along the way
that leads to eternal life.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ 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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,

way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-tect us,

Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY: 12:00 noon. – Worship sign-up begins on Sign-up Genius
or telephone
WEDNESDAY: 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Zoom Bible Study
FRIDAY 4:00 p.m. – Telephone Sign-up closes at 4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. – **Online** Sign-up closes at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - Sunday, September 6th, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, are:
The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9, The Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10, and The
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-20.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Taylor and Daniel Loyd for the gift
of a son Ellis Paul Loyd born last week. Stephana and Tim Loyd are proud grandparents.

CHURCH UPDATES, including links to videos of worship services and other resources, may be found on the church website, Facebook page, and in your e-mail! If you are not on the e-mail list, please contact the church office. Thank you!

FOLLOWING ARE DAYS OFF for church staff: Friday is Pastor Schaaf's day off, Monday is Charlie Russell's day off and Tuesday is Pat Funk's day off. If you need assistance on their day off please call the church office.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Robert Nichols in thanksgiving for healing.

Florence Marvin recovering following surgery.

Chris Langlais, daughter-in-law of Donna Langlais, continues recovery from surgery.

Janet Pulliam is continuing recovery following treatment.

Bette Bogart struggling with memory issues.

Sherry Clawitter is at Presbyterian Village for rehab.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

August 30 – Alexander Goodrich, Mary Rosenkoetter,
Angie Wright

September 1 - Donna Middaugh

September 3 - Ethan Andrews, Jack Stephens, Hannah Whitney, Mildred Wilkins

September 4 - Carrie Eubanks, Paulette Goldsby, Beth Goodrich, Raymond Harrill

September 5 - Kyla Bryant, Kari Schulz, Megan Witte

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

August 30 - Linnea and Tommy Weed

September 1 - John and Emma Jane Ohnemus, Ruth and Lance Whitney

September 5 - Stephana and Tim Loyd, Bev and Richard Sanders

Visitation

I would like the opportunity to visit with each member of Grace. This visitation can happen wherever you are most comfortable, whether it's at your home, here at church or elsewhere. I am also happy to bring you the Sacrament of Holy Communion as well during this visit. This visit will give me an opportunity to know all of you and vice versa. It will also give me an opportunity to pray with you to learn how I can serve you as your pastor. If you would like to have me visit you please call the church office or email me at kent.schaaf@glclr.org.

Greetings in Christ!

We are making a slight adjustment to our sign-up process for **families** attending Sunday Divine Service.

For Families using SignUp Genius: When selecting a number for "Quantity," families sitting in one pew will only need to count the parent(s). Children will not be counted in the "Quantity" section. In the "First Names" section, please continue to write the first names of each family member attending.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 501-663-3631 or graceannouncements@glclr.org.

Have a blessed day!

Wednesday Evening Bible Class Via Zoom

Greetings from Grace!

Pastor Schaaf is leading a Wednesday evening Bible study using Zoom. Our class will begin at 7 p.m. Our meeting ID is the church's phone number and our password is the church's address number. This will be the same ID and password for each Wednesday night Bible class. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office or pastor at kent.schaaf@glclr.org

In the Light of Holy Jesus,

Grace Lutheran Church

Music on the Mountain at Camp Trinity

The Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean

Music on the Mountain is still on **Sept. 25-27** at **Camp Trinity**, the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain. The popular silent auction, usually held in conjunction with Trivia Night, will be moved to the music festival. Bands and individual musicians from central Arkansas churches will perform from the stage. Guests will be able to purchase lunch, and concessions will be open throughout the day Saturday. The event will still include games for families, with equipment sanitized between games.

Seating areas on the Trinity Chapel lawn will be sectioned off to ensure necessary distancing. Guests will be asked to wear face masks, and hand sanitizing stations will be set up. Worship will be held Sunday morning, with music and message. The campground and cabins will be open for overnight guests, with health protocols in place.

Contact David Cox at director@lutherancamp.org or 501-652-6304 at Petit Jean for more information.