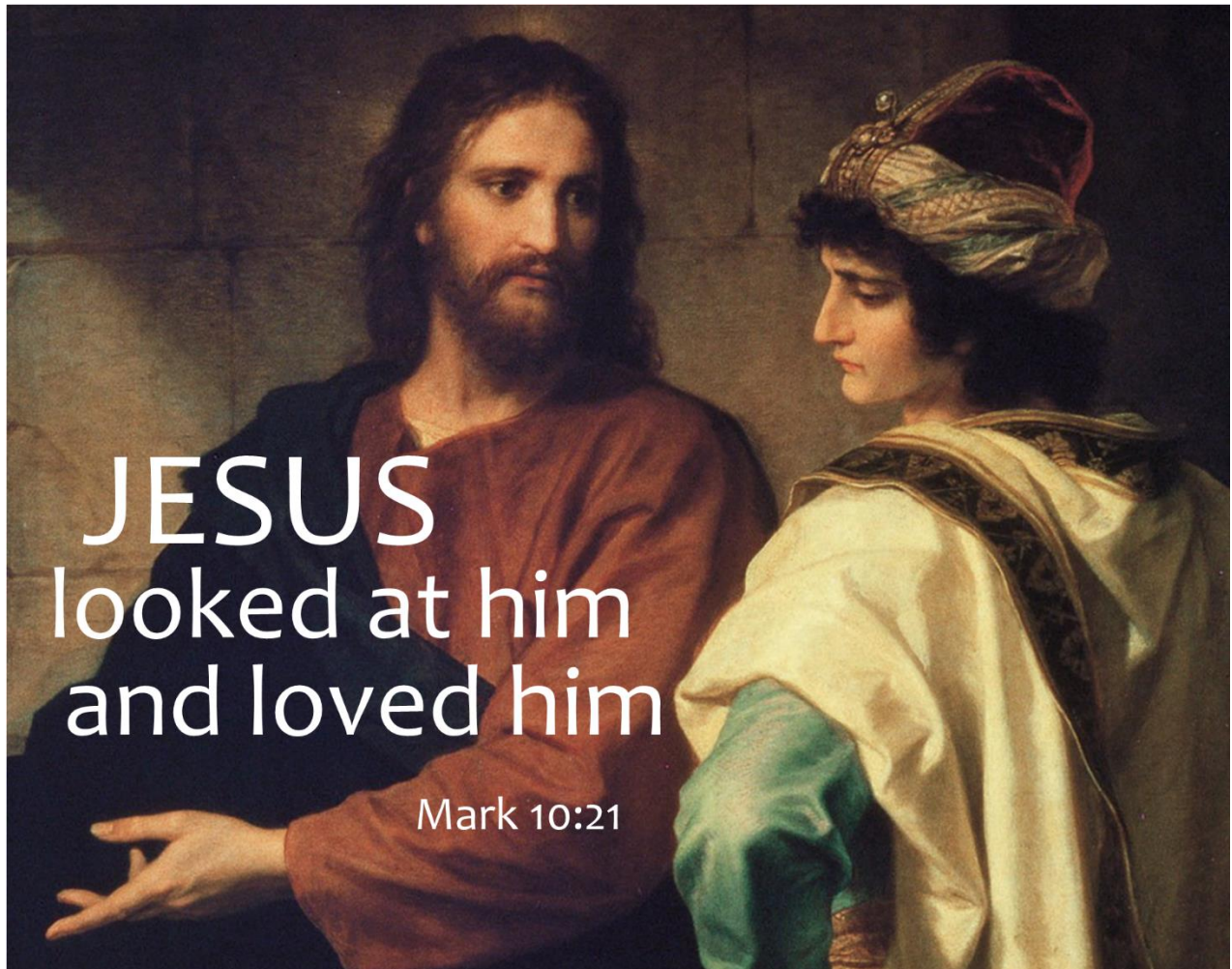


THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021 ♦ 9:00 am



WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

A note to first time visitors:

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is present and we receive the gift of God's love. We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.

Small children are welcome in worship

"Busy bags" for young children are available in the "Good Shepherd" room adjacent to the worship space near the doors. That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter:

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from suffering and injustice.

We exploit your good gifts with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

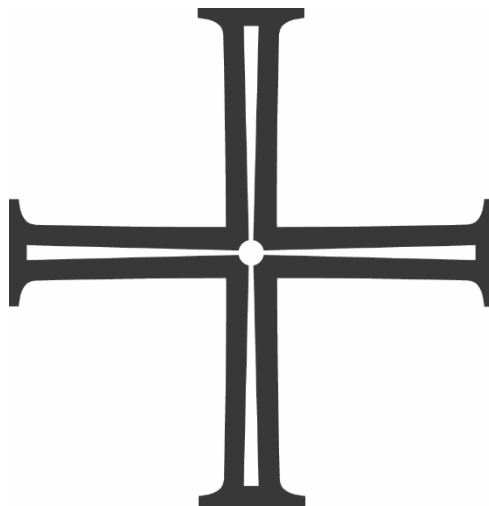
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.



HYMN "Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
 2 O all you pow'rs that he im - plant - ed, a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 dore you, when I have joined the an - gel throng and learned with



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy our mak - er's praise!
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make his glo - ry known!
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of his might!
 choirs of heav'n to sing e - ter - nal an - thems to my king!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite

Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZÜNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ⓐ Let us pray.

Ⓑ God of wisdom, whose word searches the intentions of our hearts: let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus, who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him, who live and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like
fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper
than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the
thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him
no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to
the eyes of the one to whom we must render an
account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high
priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as
we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the
throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up
and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him,
“Why do you call me good? No one is good but God
alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not
murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not
steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not
defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to

him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my
youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You
lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money
to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then
come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked
and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
“How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter

the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG "Take My Life"

Cantor:

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Here I am. All of me. Take my life. It's all for thee.

**ALL SING: Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

(Response to each petition)

P Lord, in your mercy,

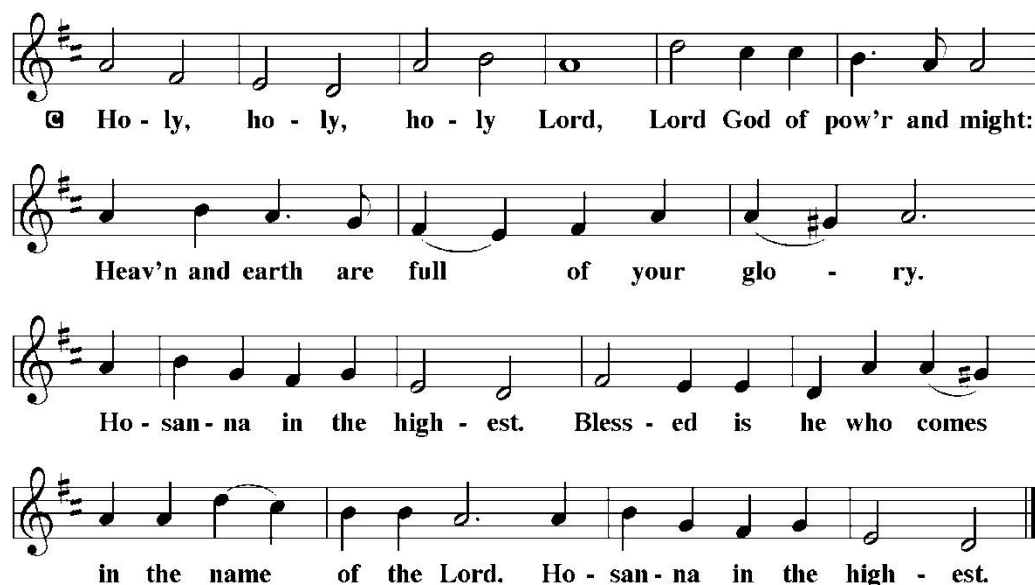
C Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence,
C **so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**
P Thanks and praise to you, heavenly Father, for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the Lamb of God, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death, he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your holy name, singing:

SANCTUS “Holy, holy, holy”



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- All** **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**

LAMB OF GOD



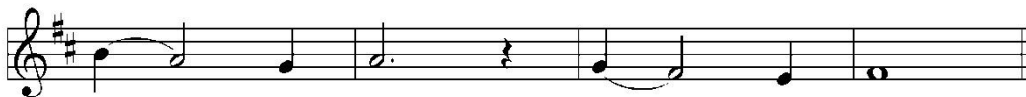
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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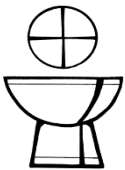


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your right.



"He looked at him and loved him . . ."

DISTRIBUTION SONG "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Let us pray: Lord of Life,

G in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

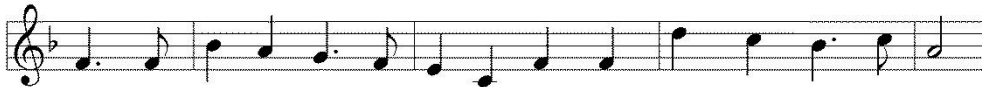
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

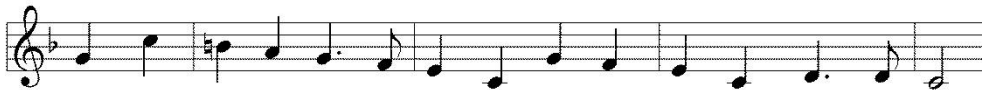
- P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store;
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings.
You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the
church or make your offering online.

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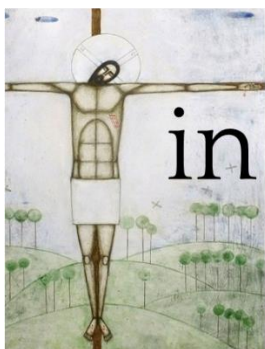
TANZANIA MISSION PRESENTATION

TODAY after worship

For many years, Grace of God has supported student scholarships, primarily with coins and other contributions collected during Lent.

TODAY at 10:15 am we will host representatives of this program along with the Pastor and some members from Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Maplewood who will share their experiences in supporting this mission and answering our questions about how we can continue to support this important project and how we might deepen our connections.

ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS and FRIENDS ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!



LIVING in GRACE

Sunday morning Adult Bible study
Begins September 26 at 10:15 am

NEXT SUNDAY at 10:15 am

Bring your coffee and doughnut into the worship space.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, October 31

Please see Pastor Jon if you are interested in participating and joining our Grace of God “family.”



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

4 – 6 pm

You are invited to be a part of something meaningful during a continuing time of uncertainty. All of us together can create an amazing Grace of God Bethlehem right here in Oakdale.

**WISH LISTS ARE POSTED on the door in the entryway.
HELP SUPPORT THIS GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY.**



YOUTH POINSETTIA SALE

The youth will be selling poinsettias, wreaths and Gertens plant cards. Poinsettias will be used for church decorating and/or home use! Proceeds help support our summer youth mission trip. Deadline to purchase is OCTOBER 21.

PLEASE PURCHASE ONLINE

Go to www.gertensfundraising.com and use code 174 to access our church's store.



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