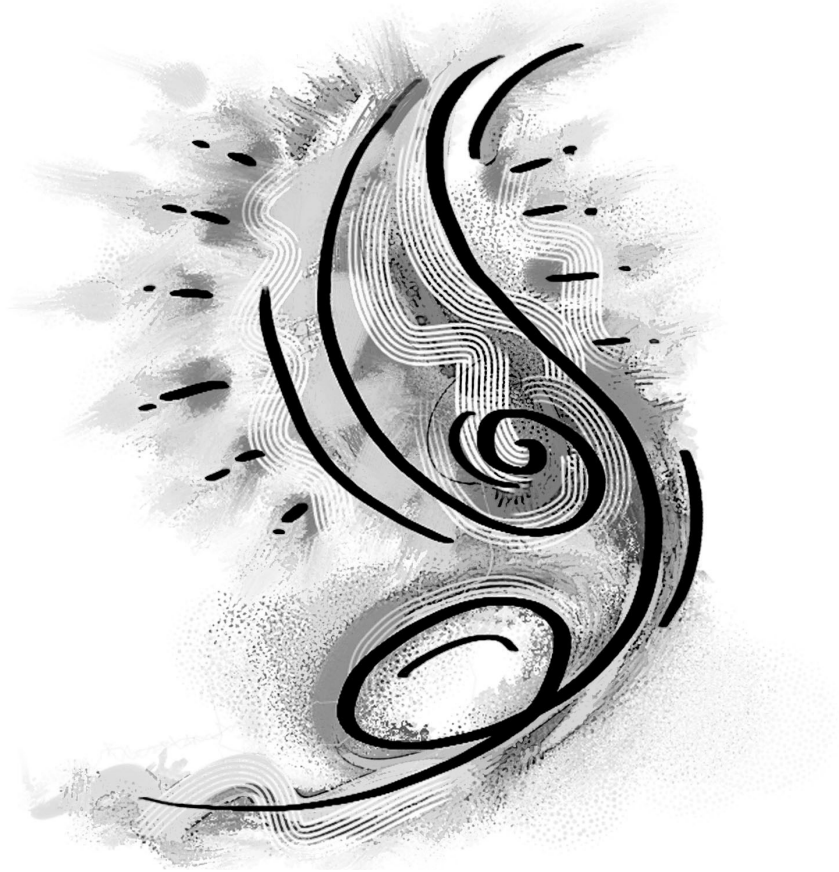


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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Grace Lutheran Church

August 1-2, 2020

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)
(the assembly stands as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

GATHERING HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

(the assembly stands as you are able)

GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

P: Lord have mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover
creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both
body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Response after first and second reading)

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Genesis 32:22-31

*Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was
breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is
changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob
is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face-to-face.*

²²[At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven
children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³He took them and sent them across the
stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man
wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail
against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint
as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But
Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is
your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be
called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have
prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why

is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever.**

Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul’s letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God’s saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel’s heritage and legacy include being God’s children, having God’s covenants, being given God’s law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(the assembly stands as you are able)

All: Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(the assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

(the assembly stands as you are able)

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

(the assembly may be seated)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)

P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

C: **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

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.**

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)

C: **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(the assembly may be seated)

REFLECTION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

P: Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

C: **in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

(the assembly may be seated)

SENDING HYMN “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Alecia Lewis, Jan Charter, Don Furze, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Bryce Shipman, Pastor John Shipman's brother, who passed away on Friday, July 24.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Lynn Platt, given by Bill and Nancy Platt.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Trinity Episcopal Church.

CHRIST IN OUR HOMES

Devotionals for the next quarter of July - September are available in the office lobby. If you are not venturing out yet, phone the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER FOR JON BENSON

If you would like to make a donation to the community fundraiser for Jon Benson following the John A. Lau's fire, we will be sending in all moneys we gather up here at Grace on August 3. Drop anything off to the office, just noting it for Jon Benson and we will add it to the dollars we send as a group. Let us support Jon at this time as he has supported the community. Thank you.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Beloved Community

We continue our discussion on racial justice by watching the YouTube conversation video "The Beloved Community." We have had considerable discussion in our online Zoom Class and invite you to join us. Since we discuss the section of the video that we watch together, it would be easy for anyone to join in the class. If you have questions on using Zoom or did not receive the connection information please contact Pastor Tom. See you Sunday at 11:30 AM.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

Zoom Fellowship time is changing to **Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.** *Back to the traditional Fellowship time.* Join us and see other church members. Have coffee with us and catch up. If you have any questions about using Zoom please call Pastor Tom. The connection info will be sent in a separate email.

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

We are now recording the Saturday worship service so that it can be posted online by Sunday morning. The recording can be viewed from links in the email sent out, or our web page or Facebook as well as the YouTube channel. Please share this change with others, family, friends and church members so they know it should be available by Sunday morning. We want GOD'S WORD to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - July 26	1,956.00

This week we received:

17 envelopes and 1 new Give+ payments made from our website

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