

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, August 1, 2021**  
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

**Prelude Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

arr. Heather Sorenson

Tune: DENNIS, Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1836

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**You seek peace and unity among us,  
but too often we choose walls of isolation.  
You seek to be one with your creation,  
but we turn away your loving Spirit.  
In your forgiving love, break down the barriers we create,  
that we might see more clearly your love for us,  
be reconciled with our neighbor,  
and trust more deeply your promise of eternal life.  
Amen.**

We who were once far off have been  
brought near to God through the cross of Jesus Christ.  
May almighty God grant you grace to forgive one  
another as God in Christ has forgiven you.  
Go in peace. You are forgiven and free.  
**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Gospel: Ephesians 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the

lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. The word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Tess Panamarow

## Hymn of the Day

## Holy Spirit Rain Down

Russell Frager

[Holy Spirit Rain Down](#)

## Offering

## Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith in the bond of love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned in body, mind or Spirit. Rain down your grace and mercy that give life to the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the Name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You provide all we need for this life and the next. Sustain us each day with your words of promise and hope. Help us to choose our spirituality as a priority, realizing its present and eternal benefits. Use us to make things happen in, with, and through your Church. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

## **Announcements**

## **Benediction**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

## **Festival Gloria**

**Jacob B. Weber**

*Festival Gloria is the 2021 Raabe Composition Hymn winner, premiered on July 29, 2021 at the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Conference. The virtual choir is comprised of ALCM members and includes our Interim Worship Music Director, Barb Forthun.*