

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, August 15, 2021**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude Morning Has Broken**

**arr. Dan Chadburn**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, One God,  
abounding in steadfast love toward us,  
healing the sick and raising the dead,  
showering us with every good gift.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Just and gracious God,

**We come to you for healing and life.**

**Our sins hurt others and diminish us;**

**we confess them to you.**

**Our lives bear the scars of sin;**

**we bring these also to you.**

**Show us your mercy, O God.**

**Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins,**

**and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Holy Scriptures assure us:

“When we were dead in our trespasses,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
nailing the record of our sins to the cross.”

Jesus says to you, † “Your sins are forgiven.”

Be at peace and tell everyone how much God  
has done for you. Indeed, you are forgiven and free!

**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the

Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Message**

**Pastor Tess Panamarow**

## **Hymn of the Day Give Thanks**

### **CHORUS:**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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### **VERSE:**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat Verse)

### **CHORUS**

### **VERSE**

Give thanks!

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## **Offering**

**(Your offerings can be left in the basket by the  
back door of the sanctuary as you leave worship.)**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of fire, hurricanes or tropical storms. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and personal gain and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts and situations that face the people they represent and serve. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. For the work of the Call Committee as they lead us closer to calling a new Pastor. Help us fulfill our purpose to "join together to serve the world around us." And when we worry that we do not have enough, help us see the abundance you have given, and then live generously and share extravagantly. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **Holy Communion**

Words of Institution

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation**

### **Distribution**

**Communion Music** (*ELW Communion Setting 4 Lamb of God p. 154*)

**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, grant us peace.**

## **Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.  
May the gift of your Word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ,  
inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the  
Savior, Jesus Christ, the true and living Bread from heaven  
**Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude      On Our Way Rejoicing**

**Rodney Abriol**

Tune: HERMAS

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