

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, August 22, 2021**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow arr. Randall Hartsell

**Welcome**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Scripture Reading: Ezra 3:8-13**

¶In the second year after their arrival at the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak

made a beginning, together with the rest of their people, the priests and the Levites and all who had come to Jerusalem from the captivity. They appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work on the house of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Jeshua with his sons and his kin, and Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and Hodaviah along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, their sons and kin, together took charge of the workers in the house of God. <sup>10</sup>When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; <sup>11</sup>and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. <sup>12</sup>But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup>so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

The gospel of the Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Message**  
**Weckwerth**

**Pastor Jim**

**Hymn of the Day**    **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**    **ELW**  
**883**

(verses 1,2,4,5)

**LBW**

**245**

1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make.

We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth  
adore,  
from us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 159M

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

## **Offering**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## **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 Lamb of God** (*ELW Communion Setting 4, 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.

## **Prayer after Communion** – AGLC Moving Forward Prayer

Lord, you have fed us with all that we need.

**As we get in the boat and push off from shore, we pray for courage to let go of what we need to so that we can face the future with confidence. Energize and revitalize us as your people. Grant us the gift of discernment that we may know and do your will. Be with us and strengthen us for the journey that lies ahead, trusting in your steadfast love to guide us. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, 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 Praise Him Praise Him  
Hayes**

**arr. Mark**