

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 8, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dan Chadburn

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity:
the Father, the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love,
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,
and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,
**We confess that we have not led a life
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
We have not acted according to your will.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive us according to the riches of your grace.
**Make us holy and blameless before you in love,
so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake, God forgives you ALL your sins.
You who were once far off have been brought near
by the blood of Christ. Go in peace. You are forgiven and free.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Message

Pastor Tess Panamarow

Hymn of the Day

O Living Bread from Heaven

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All: O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.

High Vox: My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

Low Vox: You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

All: Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For our companion Synod in Magulilwa, Tanzania, the China Service Ventures, and Christian missions throughout the world. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the human community throughout the world: for those who teach, or heal, or feed; those who clean, fix, or build, those who invent, beautify or delight. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. 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 give lavishly. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who suffer disaster, violence, or abuse; those who suffer with addictions, disorders, or depression; those who suffer from grief, despair, or illness. Also for the concerns of our own hearts, for the needs of our congregation, friends, and family that we name out loud or in silence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, you are near to us when we cry out to you. Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

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 Response For the Bread Which You Have Broken Vs 1, 4 ELW 494

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Musci: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nunberg, 1631: arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823-1895

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Communion Blessing

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

Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Joy in My Heart

Mark Hayes