Amazing Grace Lutheran Church Sunday, September 19, 2021 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Stan Pethel

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 - Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord! Praise to you, O Christ!

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Message

Pastor Jim Weckwerth

Hymn of the Day:Children of the Heavenly FatherELW 781/LBW 474Verse 1: all
Verse 2: high voices
Verse 3: low voices
Verse 4: allELW 781/LBW 474Children of the Heavenly Father
Truggare kan ingen varaTryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet. nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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 Praver 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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Distribution

At this time, we will consume together the wafer and wine in the communion kit provided at the beginning of the service.

Praver after Communion

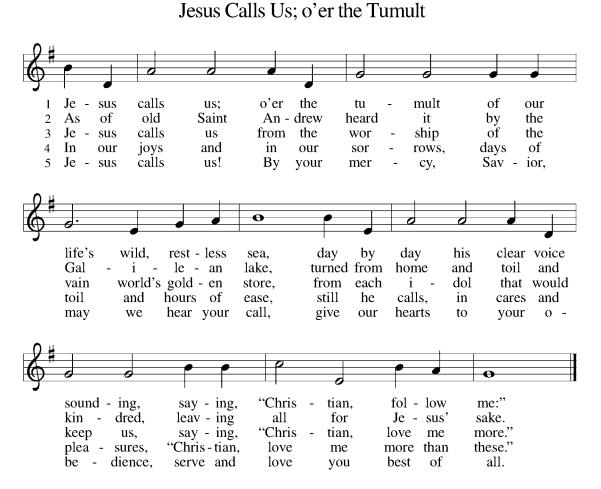
Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

The blessing of God, Who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Verses 1, 4, 5



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

Dismissal

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

Postlude Today, We Are All Called to Be Disciples (KINGSFOLD) Jason Krug