

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude The Heart of Worship **arr. Lloyd Larson**
(*with Christians, We Have Met to Worship; Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*)

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 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Message

Pastor Jim Weckwerth

Hymn of the Day:

ELW 685

Verses 1, 4, 5, 6

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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, 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.**

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.

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.

Sending Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 708

Verses 1, 3, 4

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for
the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith
and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of
these days, for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your
control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your
kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us
wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving
you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

God of Grace and Glory

arr. Eugene Butler