

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, October 24, 2021**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude: Find Us Faithful**

**Jon Mohr**

*We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, and those who've gone before us line the way.  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.  
Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Let us run the race not only for the prize; but as those who've gone before us  
Let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives,  
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey.  
Oh, may all who come behind us, find us faithful.  
After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone, and our children sift through all we've left behind,  
May the clues that they discover, and the mem'ries they uncover become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.  
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.....*

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † One God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**

**and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the Name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world. Be at peace. You are forgiven and you are free.

**Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.  
Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect  
your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-3

....<sup>1b</sup>and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Message

Pastor Tess Panamarow

## Hymn of the Day:

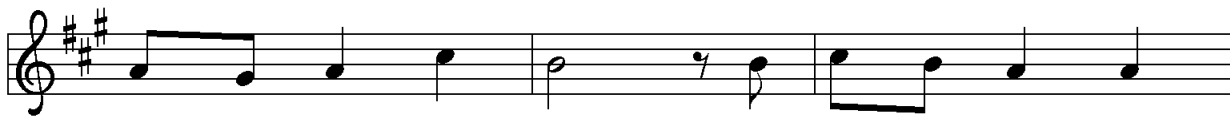
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Verses 1-3

### We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## Offering

## Prayers of Intercession

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. We pray especially for our companion Synod in Maguilwa, Tanzania and the China Service Ventures. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creative One, for all who work toward peace and leaders throughout the world who strive to reach beyond tribalism that divides to find the humanity in all that joins us together, we praise you. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, pray for all who suffer violence, persecution, hunger, and homelessness, and for the Afghan refugees beginning to arrive on our American shores. Work through your people to create places of refuge and peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain, depression, despair or disease. Send healing and relief to all who are sick and those who care for them. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Living One, we thank you for the mission and ministry of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. We are grateful for your care and guidance of our Council, Transition Team, Call Committee, staff, and the entire congregation through our discernment to call Pastor Tim Maybee to be our new Senior Pastor. We pray that you will open our eyes to your new creation and new possibilities of being the church. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**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**

The table is ready. All who hunger and thirst, come!

## Distribution

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

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your Presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing Spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Announcements

### Benediction

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † One God,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

## All Creation Sings 1004

### Faith Begins By Letting Go



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** Just a Closer Walk with Thee **arr. Robert W. Thygerson**