



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 06, 2024  
9:30 AM

# Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

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**Welcome friends in Christ!** We're grateful for your presence here in worship today.

If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the entryway.

- Children are welcome to utilize the open space in the back for quiet play during worship.
- Feel free to remain seated at any time during the service.

## **GATHER:**

We gather as people of God, a family of faith.

*The season of the Pentecost is all about the Spirit of the risen Christ empowering the church to live out our callings. The Holy Spirit calls us to proclaim, bear witness to, and live out God's ongoing will for the world that God so deeply loves. The church knows and believes that salvation is bound in and of a love for the world, not an escape from it.*

**Centering Music:    Blest Be the Tie**

**arr. Heather Sorenson**

## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship (Psalm 8)**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Your glory is chanted above the heavens, out of the mouths of infants and children.**

When I consider the moon and stars, the work of your fingers, I wonder

**What are mere mortals that you should be mindful of us?**

Yet you have made us a little less than divine;

**With glory and honor you crown us.**

You have entrusted us with the care of your creation:

**Flocks and cattle, wild beasts of the field, birds of the air and fish of the sea.**

You have entrusted us with the care of your creation.

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

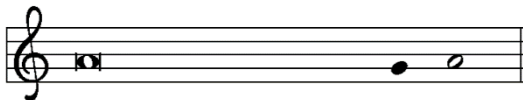
**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie:**

**Setting 4**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



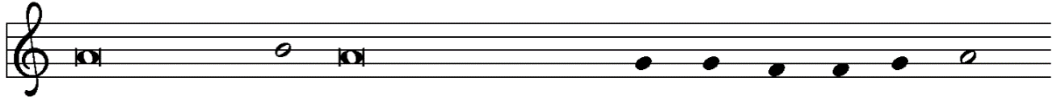
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**Canticle: This is the Feast**

**Setting 4**

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God,

**you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **GROW:**

We grow as we are fed by the Word and nourished at the Lord's table.

## **First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh."*

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become

as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

If we love one another, God lives in us,

**And God’s love is perfected in us!**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”



<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

**Pastor Tim Maybee**

**Hymn of the Day: God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**

**ELW 603**

## God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we  
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;  
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:  
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
 set us free and grant us peace.  
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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## **Confession of Faith**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering, especially those we name before you now... Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

*AGLC gives in the style of our Tanzanian partners. You may place any gift in the basket as you come forward for communion. If you don't have a physical gift to share, you are encouraged to dip your hand in the basket as a reminder that God uses you to do God's work in the world.*

## Offering Song: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a key of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise him a -bove, ye heav'n -ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for creating us to live together in unity  
and for forgiving our failures in following your call.

Blessed are you, Abba Father, for sending your beloved Son  
And for adopting us to be your children, siblings to one another.

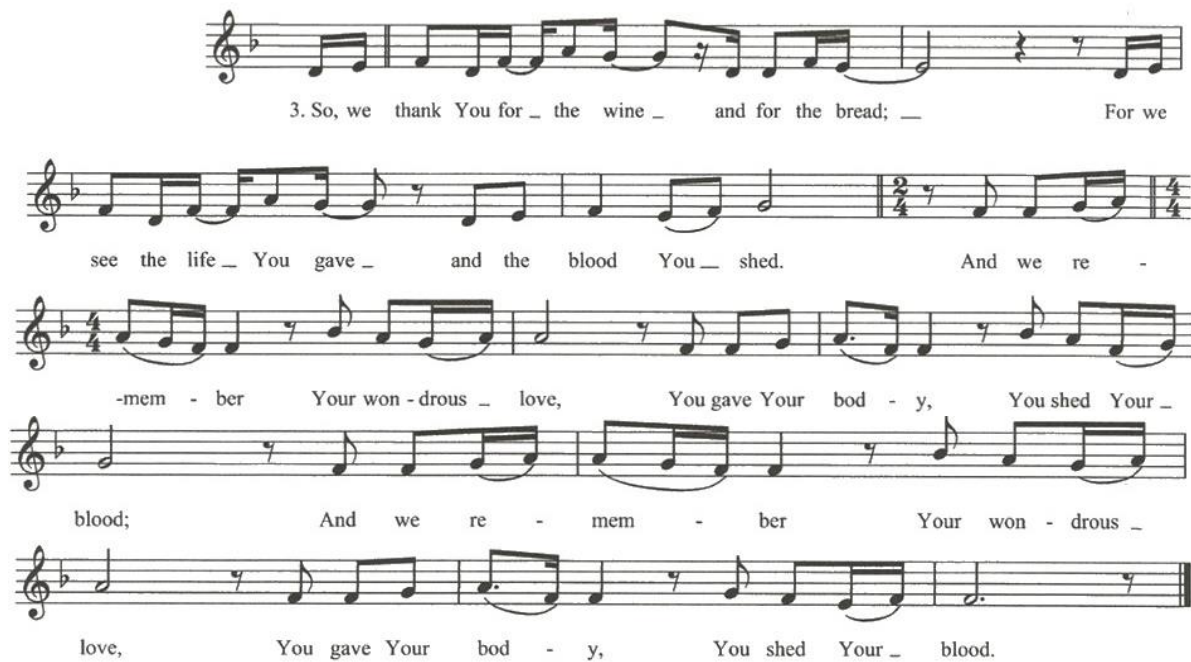
**Lord, we receive this good news with grateful hearts!**

Blessed are you, Sovereign of Mercy, for establishing your kingdom in Jesus the Messiah.  
He healed the sick, welcomed the outsider, and taught the commandments.

Blessed is he, the Son of Man, who became the servant of all,  
And who overcomes the might of Satan until the end of time.

**Lord, we trust the good news of Jesus!**

### Sung Words of Institution



3. So, we thank You for \_ the wine \_ and for the bread; \_ For we

see the life \_ You gave \_ and the blood You \_ shed. And we re -

-mem - ber Your won - drous \_ love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your \_

blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous \_

love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your \_ blood.

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church practices open communion. Whether you are a member of AGLC or not, you are invited to the table that is set by Christ for you.*

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

## Distribution

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The wine used in worship is alcohol-free. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

## Communion Songs: Lamb of God

## Setting 4



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Build a Long Table  
Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue  
If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

**ACS 1062  
ELW 644  
ELW 769**

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy God,

**You have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Announcements**

**GO:**

We go into the world, sent by God, to serve all people in the name of Jesus.

**Benediction**

God all mighty,

God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you,

and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.  
 with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:  
 and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as  
 our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -  
 in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.  
 hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: The Love of God**

**arr. Patti Drennan**