



The 6th Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 A.M.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

July 17, 2022

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Announcements

- Jack Smith’s Celebration of Life, August 27th (1-3pm) Grace Lutheran Church
- Voter’s Meeting **July 31st**, after worship.
- Altar Flower Donations Needed: **July 31st, August 7th, October 23rd and 30th**
- Flowers at the altar given today, in honor of family’s birthdays.

Next Week: July 24th Worship

- ➔ Reader: Pastor Jake
- ➔ Flowers: Shelley Klein, in memory of mother, Phyllis

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Opening Hymn

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

Stand

Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Old Testament Canticle

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

L A reading from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter.

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah

was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:7-14

P ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸You have said, "Seek my face."

C **My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
⁹Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.**

P Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

C ¹¹**Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

P ¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

C ¹³**I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!**

P ¹⁴Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Second Reading

Colossians 1:21–29

A The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 1.

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the

mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Reading

Luke 10:38–42

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.**"

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Sit

Sermon

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Offering

Donations, Tithes and Offerings

Here are three ways to support Grace Lutheran with your tithes, gifts and offerings.

1. Place offering in the plates in the Narthex.
2. Mail your offering to the church directly.
3. Use the new "Offering Button" found at gracelutheransm.org

Your offerings are significant in the ministry of the church and preschool and we appreciate them!

Stand

Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- L** O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

(Closing hymn on the next page)

965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Prayers of Grace

...for those who cannot be with us today.

Liz Lepper, Gene Ryzski, Charlie Larson, Maxx Hanneman, Maxine Raymond, Nan Lippitt, Joan Edwards

...for those recently diagnosed.

Jennifer, Julee Lacey, Father Zach, those in Liz Lepper's care facility who were diagnosed with COVID

...for those preparing for, or recovering from surgeries and procedures.

Dick Williams, Patty Taylor, Elwyn Byrd

...for those suffering with the pain of chronic illness.

Edith Quaid, Ruth Webber, Christy Esparza, Moira Sandrock, Barbara Aris, Henry Span, Theresa Squires, Dorothy Abel, Delores Feliz

...for those battling cancer

Diana Williams, Cam Riley, Barbara Diaz, Sandra Rodriguez, Kim Passmore, Mike Mueller, Jobie Stiegler

...for those grieving a lost friend or family

Millie Smith, Nancy Dewey, Lou Brum

...for those awaiting their final rest

Norma Chapman, Vernon Huelle

...for those in broken homes and relationships.

Tammie Earl

...for those serving in the military and the government.

Malcom Bauske, all those serving in the military, President Joe, Vice-President Harris, Governor Newsom and Mayor Alice

...for missionaries, sister congregations, pastors and Church workers.

Herb and Markie Burch, Paul and Gena Nelson, Pastor Greg, Pastor Ray and Pastor George

...for all other prayers and answered prayers

Adding and Updating Prayers

Do you have a prayer to add or celebration/answer to prayer you'd like to share? Or, would you like to update a prayer with current information?

Instructions:

1. Open your phone's camera app.
2. Point the view finder at the square below.
3. Click the yellow link that appears.
4. Complete the form and hit "Submit."



Enter the information requested and hit submit!

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The Right Hand

Staying on Track: Guidance (2 Chron 20:1-30)

The second constituent topic within the third subsection ("Staying on Track") of this superb LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet (*Christian Disciplines*) I am reviewing is entitled "Guidance" (see headline above). "Staying on track" is staying connected to the Lord (see Psalm 128:1).

Everyone needs guidance. Even the Pope has his counselors! (It is not widely known, but popes depend heavily on their College of Cardinals.) Even heads of state and governors are surrounded by advisors. Everyone, high or low, needs and should seek guidance consistently.

The truth is none of us has ever seen our backsides directly! We rely on feedback from others, and hope that they always have our best interests at heart. I am greatly blessed in that I have two regular caregiver nurses, health professionals, and a caring spouse. I am blessed to be covered and guided by an array of caregivers, advisors, and friends.

I have had significant careers in three separate arenas: sales, education, and ministry. In every arena, I have depended heavily on my leaders and my colleagues. Even pastors need pastors! It has been said that "*No man (person) is an island,*" and truer words could not be spoken. No matter how smart or competent we may be, we all need guidance....

The Scripture narrative (2 Chronicles 20:1-30) is both fascinating and relevant. Here, King Jehoshaphat of Judah (870 – 845 B.C.) was imminently being threatened by advancing armies (Ukraine / Russia), and he had no solution of his own. Consulting with the Lord, he and his advisors discovered an unknown dynamic within the assailants that solved his crisis. (Will Zelensky et al discover the same thing?) We all need guidance!

"May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully." More next week! In Deo speramus.

Rev. Gary Hanson, Elder
Stewardship Chair

P.S. May I commend Proverbs 3:5-6 to you? It has been a watchword for me since childhood!