



# **GOD'S ALERT SYSTEM**

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Seward, NE

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*July 18, 2021*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and personal assisted listening devices are available on request. The service can be heard throughout the building so that you can participate even if you have to take your child out for a while. Restrooms are in the hall between the chapel and fellowship area. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an usher.

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## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

### **Worship Materials**

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder and displayed on the screen. They are also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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**Organist**

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# THE COMMON SERVICE

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God of the Prophets | 543

## OPENING HYMN

1 God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;  
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.  
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;  
Make each one better, nobler than the last.

2 Anoint them prophets, men who are intent  
To be your witnesses in word and deed,  
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,  
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.

3 Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,  
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,  
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may  
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.

4 Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.  
Anoint them with the Spirit of your Son.  
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a blood-stained sword;  
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.

5 Make them apostles, heralds of your cross;  
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.  
Inspired by you, may they count all but loss  
And stand at last with joy before your face.

## INVOCATION

*please stand, if able*

**[M]** In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION

**M** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

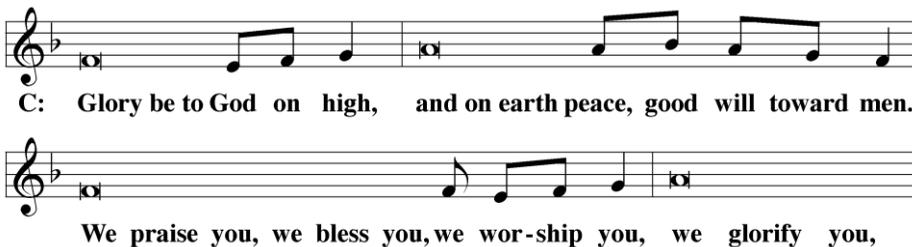
## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**M** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## The Word

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### FIRST LESSON

*Amos 7:10-15*

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:

Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. <sup>11</sup>This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."

<sup>12</sup>Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. <sup>13</sup>But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos responded to Amaziah:

I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM

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O my people, hear my teaching;\*  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,\*  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;\*  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

### **Refrain**

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob\*  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,\*  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God\*  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**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.**

### **Refrain**

## **SECOND LESSON**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

<sup>4</sup>He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

<sup>7</sup>In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. <sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. <sup>10</sup>This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. <sup>12</sup>He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

<sup>13</sup>In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. <sup>14</sup>He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised. (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M** Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

*please stand, if able*

**M** The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>7</sup>Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. <sup>9</sup>They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. <sup>11</sup>Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them."

<sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. (EHV)

**M** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The Son of God, Our Christ* | 525

1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
Shared human life and toiled throughout the day;  
From common folk he called his friends to be  
Coworkers in his sacred ministry.

2 In ev'ry test, in trials manifold,  
These servants witnessed, by their faith made bold;  
And with the gifts and talents which they brought,  
The Church was founded and God's message taught.

3 Today, as then, Christ summons us to dare  
To follow boldly and his work to share,  
Declaring to the world his holy name  
And showing mercy to the sick and lame.

4 In city street, in town, or on the soil,  
May each serve Christ in faithful daily toil,  
And in each thought and kindly word and deed,  
Obey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.

5 Where'er we find our witness should be made,  
Whate'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,  
And we will gladly give for him our best  
And find each task divinely sent and blessed.

## SERMON

*Amos 7:10-15*

*please stand, if able*

## OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

*be seated*

**OFFERING-** *We present our gifts to the Lord.*

*Offerings may be placed in the plate in the entry. The offerings in the plate will be presented to the Lord at this time. You may place offerings in the plate at any time, or you may give online.*

*1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income prayer of the church*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☐ 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**

### **HYMN**

*Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds | 512*

1 Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger years we saw, And which our fathers told.

2 Make unto them his glories known, His works of pow'r and grace,  
And we'll convey his wonders down Through ev'ry rising race.

3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons And they again to theirs  
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.

4 Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,  
To place in him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,  
That they may ne'er forget his works, But walk in his commands.

## PRAYER

**M** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word* | 323

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.

2 We praise you for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.