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OUR HUNGER**

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Seward, NE

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*August 8, 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

### ***Communion***

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

**Visitors:** Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**  
**Organist**

Pastor Mark A. Haefner  
Mr. Quinton Corwin

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# THE COMMON SERVICE

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## OPENING HYMN

*Every Morning Mercies New* | 580

- 1 Ev'ry morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew;  
Ev'ry morning let us pay Tribute with the early day.  
For your mercies, Lord, are sure; Your compassion will endure.
- 2 Still your kindness and your love Ev'ry day our sins remove;  
Daily, far as east from west, Lift the burden from the breast;  
Give unbought to those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
- 3 Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail.  
And as we confess our sin And the tempter's pow'r within,  
Feed us with the bread of life; Fit us for our daily strife.
- 4 As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns,  
Teach us still to turn to you; With your light our souls renew.  
Then shall we our voices raise In unfailing prayer and praise.

## 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

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*Tune* | 233

**All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.**

**We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

**M** Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C: A - men.**

## The Word

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### **FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 55:1-7*

Hey, all of you who are thirsty, come to the water,  
even if you have no money!  
Come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend money on something that is not bread?  
Why do you waste your labor on something that does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good.  
Satisfy your appetite with rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Turn your ear toward me, and come to me.  
Listen, so that you may continue to live.  
Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

the faithful mercies promised to David.

<sup>4</sup>Look, I appointed him as a witness for peoples,  
a leader and commander of peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Look, you will call out to a nation you do not know,  
and a nation that does not know you will run to you,  
on account of the LORD your God,  
because of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found!  
Call on him while he is near!

<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked man abandon his way.  
Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD,  
and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God,  
because he will abundantly pardon. (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

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

## SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 3:7-11*

<sup>7</sup>But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. <sup>10</sup>I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup>in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead. (EHV)

**M** The Word of the Lord

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**[M]** Alleluia. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Alleluia.



## GOSPEL

John 6:24-40

*please stand, if able*

**[M]** The Gospel according to John chapter 6.



<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup>Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

<sup>28</sup>So they said to him, "What should we do to carry out the works of God?"

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent."

<sup>30</sup>Then they asked him, "So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' <sup>a</sup>

<sup>32</sup>Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup>"Sir," they said to him, "give us this bread all the time!"

<sup>35</sup>"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you

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<sup>a</sup> Psalm 78:24

have also seen me, and you do not believe. <sup>37</sup>Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day.” (EHV)

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



## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* | **382**

1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

3 His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.

*Refrain*

## **SERMON**

## **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.

**OFFERING** *WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD*

*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.*

**HYMN** *(sung as gifts are presented)*

*Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | 484 v. 3*

Gracious Lord, accept our service  
 For the sake of Christ, your Son;  
 Lo, our hope abides now only  
 In the righteousness he won.  
 Bless and save us; help and guide us;  
 Watch to comfort and restore  
 Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,  
 Praising you forevermore. AMEN

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**[M]** O Lord, our Heavenly Father, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

**M** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

**M** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**C Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

**M** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

**M** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

**M** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**C 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.**

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## *The Sacrament*

*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Co 11:28-29 (NIV1984)*

[M] The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

[M] Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

[M] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

[M] It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C:'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

**LAMB OF GOD**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* | **377**

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
 And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
 Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
 How dearly it has cost him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works availed me naught, No merit they attaining;  
My will against God's judgment fought, No hope for me remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left naught but death to be my share  
And hell to be my sentence.

4 But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation.  
A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently;  
He gave his dearest treasure.

5 He spoke to his beloved Son: "'Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown, And bring mankind salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with you forever."

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.

8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

9 "Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be, Teach you to know and follow me,  
And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching;  
 So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
 Take care that no one's man-made laws Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
 This final word I leave you."

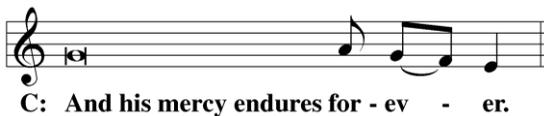
## SONG OF SIMEON

*please stand, if able*



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**M** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## 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  $\oplus$  give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Blessed Are They, Forever Blest* | **383**

- 1 Blessed are they, forever blest, Whose guilt is pardoned by their God,  
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed And covered with their Savior's blood.
- 2 Blessed are they to whom the Lord Imputes not their iniquity.  
They plead no merit or reward And not on works but grace rely.
- 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free; Their humble joy, their holy fear  
With deep repentance well agree And join to prove their faith sincere.
- 4 How glorious is that righteousness That hides and cancels all their sins,  
While bright the evidence of grace Through all their lives appears and shines!

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** 8:00 AM Bible Class, 8:45 AM Worship with Communion

**Wednesday:** 9:00 AM Blue River Circuit Meeting St. Mark Lincoln

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM Bible Class; 8:45 AM Worship

### **4 PM NELHS Opening Service**

Favorite Hymns – In connection with the hymn sing on Sept. 19 we are providing an opportunity for you to share your favorite hymns. There is a response form in your boxes, or you may complete the form online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KLLZSK5>. We will try to incorporate the hymns that rank highest during the hymn sing, and we can use the list as a guide in choosing hymns for worship. Note that the first priority in choosing hymns for worship is always the message.

### **Upcoming Events:**

August 8 – Registration and beginning of NELHS Volleyball and Football Conditioning camp.

August 15, 4 PM NELHS opening worship with installation of new faculty.

August 18, 2 PM Trinity opening worship and installation of Marilee Nolte.

September 19 National Hymnal Week hymn sing and kick off service

In our prayers:



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**To God be the glory!**

