

Grace Lutheran Church

Norfolk, Nebraska

Ray S. Wilke, Pastor

Chris Asbury, Associate Pastor

October 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather: God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: "My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long" (Psalm 35:28).

FROM THE RECORDS OF LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Saturday.	35	Total Attendance.	175
Sunday.	140	Communed.	141

Offerings

Operating Fund.	\$11,123.30	Needed to Meet Budget.	11,096.00
Missions & Synod.	55.00	Building Fund.	545.00
Total towards Budget.	11,178.30		

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Saturday

Organist: Emily Carlson
Elders: Andrew Keseman
Ushers: Mike Roeber, Jerry Janssen
Video Operator:
Acolytes:

Sunday

Emily Carlson
Shawn Beaudette
Wade Schaefer, Justin Shaver
Phil Zastrow
Chantz Ames, Jazee Ames

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-22

Monday: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Ephesians 1:1-23
Mary-Martha 10:00 a.m.
Quilting 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 2:1-23; Ephesians 2:1-22
Budget Committee 6:30 p.m.
Church Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Ephesians 3:1-21
Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
5th-8th Catechism 3:45 p.m.
Jubilee Ringers 5:00 p.m.
Noel Schaff Presentation 5:15-6:00 p.m.
Ding-A-Lingers 5:30 p.m.
Shekinah 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; Ephesians 4:1 - 5:2
Sunday Service on channel 12, 10:30 a.m.
Worship at Veteran's Home 1:15 p.m.
Ladies' Aid 2:00 p.m.

Friday: Ecclesiastes 11:1-8; Ephesians 5:3-33
Family of God Night 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11-9 - 12:14; Ephesians 6:1-24
Communion Service 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Mark 10:23-31
Communion Service 10:00 a.m.
Graceland & Catechism Class 8:30 a.m.
Building Faithful Families 8:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Coffee/Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.

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5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Opening Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB 850

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences: Psalm 123:1, 3a; 124:8; 126:3

P: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

C: **We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained 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: **Amen.**

Introit: Psalm 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1

**Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who | fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!
Wealth and riches are | in his house,
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.
It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;
who conducts his affairs with | justice.
For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;
he will be remembered for | ever.
Glory be the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Hymn: “Have Mercy on Your People, Lord”

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Melt our hardness of heart, Lord God, that we may love all whom You love. Continue transforming our lives into invitations that summon people to the love of Christ, so that Your full blessing would come to all for whom He died.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

(Seek the Lord and live.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Noontime

P: The noon hour is a time for God’s people to remember that He is always with them and for them. The psalmist writes: “Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long” (Psalm 25:5). Jesus as a workman reminds us that the Lord sanctifies our labor as we live to glorify God.

Hymn: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738 v. 1-2

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Gradual: Psalm 91:11; 103:1

P: He will command His angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12–19

(A warning against the danger of evils in life)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse: Galatians 6:2

**C: Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17–22

(Jesus has a conversation with a rich young man.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn: “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” LSB 698

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 783 v. 1-4

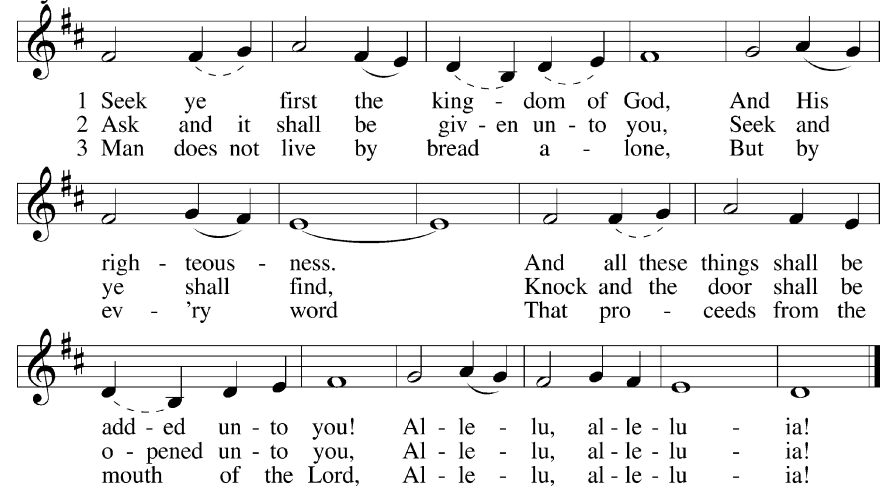
1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Prayer of the Church

Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Hymn: "Seek Ye First"

LSB 712



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by
 righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the
 add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The 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.

Closing Sequence: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

P: One of the blessings of each hour of the day is that we can surround ourselves with the Word of God. In Deuteronomy, God's people were told directly, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

NOTES AND NEWS

In the precious name of Jesus we welcome all who are worshiping with us in our service today. Through such worship and the hearing of His Word you will receive food for your soul, as well as many other blessings. Please sign the Welcome Book in the pew.

The Lutheran Hour: "Giving God Our Garbage" Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Ristau. Everything belongs to God and there isn't anything anyone could possibly give Him that He doesn't already have. And yet, there is one thing He desires: our garbage—our sins, our shame, our guilt—that He might put it all on Jesus (1 Samuel 2:1-10). Hear the message Sunday on WJAG at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Stewardship Corner: God honors us with the privilege of being the stewards of His Gospel. Because we know that Jesus has already given us His life, has risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, and has promised to return for the sake of our salvation, we are able to live in the grand and joyous confidence that God is at work in our stewardship. Rev Terry Forke wrote in the February 2014 edition of the Lutheran Witness: “Day by day, where your work and play, God is using the life you live and words you speak to proclaim the Gospel; to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to meet Christ Who is our Savior.”

Koinonia for this Sunday evening has been cancelled. We will be getting together on November 7 for Festmahl at Battle Creek.

Noel Schaff, missionary in Taiwan will be giving a presentation here at Grace this Wednesday, October 13, from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the South Basement. Noel and her husband Andrew have been missionaries in Taiwan for 15 years.

Grace Lutheran Women’s Retreat: This retreat is a small retreat for Grace Lutheran women and will be held at Camp Luther October 22-24. We will carpool from the church. Cost to attend is \$81. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521.

Mark Your Calendars: Our first Tuition Assistance Dinner of the school year will be held Sunday, October 24, immediately following the service. The menu will be brisket, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Come join us and help support Christ Lutheran School and Lutheran High Northeast.

Lhne Annual Pancake Feed and Open House: Sunday, October 17th – Fun musical performances, a great breakfast, and an Eagle Open House for families interested in attending LHNE. The Pancake Feed goes from 9:30am-1pm. Money raised will go into the LHNE Vehicle Fund. The Open House will go from 10:30-2pm. This is an opportunity for all members of the community to get a chance to see our facilities and meet the faculty.