



**September 29, 2024 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **As We Gather**

The structure in today's service suggests a pattern which may well be followed in the private prayers of any individual. It may be summarized in the word ACTS: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. This morning we continue our sermon series on Why the Church Is on Earth. Our focus for today is on: "Having the Right Vision." Please take a moment to read through our Vision Statement and then ask God to guide our congregation in living out this Vision in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

### ***Vision Statement for Grace Lutheran Church, Aurora, MO***

*It is our desire to share our Lord's grace by showing unconditional love and acceptance to all people "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God". "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:8 & 10*

### **Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** OSB 40 "Father, I Adore You"

### **Invocation**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **An Act of Adoration**

**Pastor:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

**People:** **The Lord is good. His love endures forever.**

**Pastor:** Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

**People:** **The Lord is good. His love endures forever.**

**Pastor:** Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**People:** **The Lord is good. His love endures forever.**

**Pastor:** For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**People:** **Glory be to You, O Lord, the Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **An Act of Confession**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts and desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and the meditations of our minds by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

Pastor: Assured of God's great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our thoughts, words, and deeds, have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

*(Moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)*

**All: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn:** OSB 41 "Do Lord!: Psalm 27"

**Old Testament Reading – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29** *(The people complain, Moses is frustrated, and God responds mercifully.)*

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. <sup>11</sup> He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup> Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup> I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin." <sup>16</sup> The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. <sup>26</sup> However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them! <sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading – James 5:7-20** *(James encourages us to live patiently and reminds us of the power of prayer.)*

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and

stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! <sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. <sup>12</sup> Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned. <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading – Mark 9:38-50** (*Jesus demonstrates a lesson in tolerance and reminds us of the seriousness of sin.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." <sup>39</sup> "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. Causing to Stumble <sup>42</sup> "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. [44] <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. [46] <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched. ' <sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other. "

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**People: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **The Apostles Creed**

**All: 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.**

**Hymn:** OSB 93 “I Love To Tell The Story”

**Sermon:** Luke 19:1-10 “Having the Right Vision”

**Offerings:**

### **An Act of Thanksgiving**

**All:** Father of all mercies, we give You thanks for all Your goodness to us and to all people. We praise You for Your creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, we praise You for Your love in sending Christ to be our Savior and Redeemer. And we ask You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise You not only with our lips, but with our lives as we seek to live out our vision for ministry in our community. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** OSB 245 “We Are The Church”

### **Act of Supplication**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we know You have committed to Your people the ministry of intercession, and so we trust that You hear us as we pray for others.

For Your Church throughout the world: bestow on all ministers of Your Word and Sacraments an abundance of Your grace and strengthen Your people in their faith, that the Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed throughout the world.

**People:** We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

**Pastor:** For Your people here and everywhere: Increase in them a love for Your house, zeal for serving You, and joy in seeing others come to faith in Christ as their Savior.

**People:** We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

**Pastor:** For our congregation: Guide us as we call a fulltime pastor next Sunday and help us to live out our vision in the months ahead as we continue to seek to connect with people in our community. Empower us to be local missionaries who seek to build relationships with people who do not know Christ that we may at the right moment share Christ with them.

**People:** We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

**Pastor:** For those who govern our communities and country: Give them wisdom and courage to lead with truth and justice. Cause all those in authority to seek Your guidance in the decisions they must make each day and guide the election process as we choose leaders in November.

**People:** We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

**Pastor:** For the sick, the shut-in, and all who are in need of our intercession, [*especially* .....], that their prayers may be answered and that they may be supported by God’s people with care.

**People:** We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

*(Any special prayers will be included here.)*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**All:** 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.

### Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

People: Amen.

Hymn: OSB 164 "Pass It On"



### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of September 29, 2024

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Family for the Week: Peggy Lillienkamp & Homebound Families  
St. John's, Monett - Rev. Andrew Kennell

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

### Complete Prayer List:

#### Temporary

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health & healing)  
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)  
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel - health and healing)  
Lois Gaddy - (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)  
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)  
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)  
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)  
Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother - health and healing)  
Randy Owensby – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Tabitha Packwood - (health & healing)  
Billy Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – recovery from surgery)  
Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold Lampe – recovery from frostbite)  
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)  
Roxie Sage – (Mother of Sandra Whalen – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
Diane Smith – (Health and healing from eye problems)  
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)  
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health & healing)  
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

#### Long Term

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)  
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing, cancer)  
Jane Goodman – (health & healing)  
Betty Gordon – (health & healing)  
Vicki Heppard – (relative-Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)  
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)  
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health & healing)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)  
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)  
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)  
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health & healing)  
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
Bill Thompson – (health & healing)  
Koooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health & healing)  
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

### THIS WEEK

Sunday	Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am - Service Pot Luck after Service
Monday	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:30 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pastor in Office

		<b>Bible Study – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Pastor in Office</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Aurora Car Show 9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am - Service</b> <b>Voters Meeting – Select New Pastor</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Braille</b> <b>LWML at Freistatt – 1:30 pm</b>

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**Birthdays:** Oct. 1-Jo Hadley; Oct. 6-Amy Garoutte

**Anniversaries:** None

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**September**

**GREETERS:**  
**29-Bill & Joanne Michel**

**USHERS:**  
**29-Matt Miller**

**October**

**GREETERS:**  
06-Bill & Joanne Michel  
13-Bernie Thomas & Sue Doss  
20- Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer  
27- Charlie & Edee Chambers


**USHERS:**  
06-Charlie Chambers  
13-Rick Thomas  
20-Bill Michel  
27-David Lampe

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**Portals of Prayer** for October-December are available. If anyone would like a large print version, please see Pastor Ken.

**\*\*Please Pray review the Pastor Candidate Summary Sheet for the vote next Sunday\*\***

 **LWML:** The next meeting will be on Monday, October 7, at 1:30 pm in the Trinity Chapel at Freistatt. Jennifer Stockton will be telling us about her position with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Please join us for this interesting program. If you have questions, ask Edith Chambers.

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**Springfield Lutheran High School Update:** Please spread the word that pre-enrollment is now open for the 2025-26 school year! This applies to current 8th and 9th graders, who will be freshmen and sophomores next fall. Pre-enrolling by October 15 offers the greatest financial benefit for families through our Founding Family Program. Email us at [info@springfieldlutheranhs.org](mailto:info@springfieldlutheranhs.org) to request a pre-enrollment packet with all the details. More information on the bulletin board.