

Grace Lutheran Church

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Prelude & Welcome

Confession & Absolution

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

**I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed; by what I
have done and left undone.**

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

**I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with
contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus,
Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.**

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

**so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory
of Your saving Name.**

**In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my
neighbors. Amen**

Song (insert) "Kumbaya"

WORD with the Children & Blessing of the Backpacks

Presentation of Bibles

Scripture (insert)

Message

Song (insert) "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Offering

Apostles' Creed, Prayer, Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Song (insert) "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

~ Psalm 103:12

Prayer Requests:

Nolan Morical	Susie Johnson	Butch Adams
Gerald Johnson	Laurie Johnson	Dawn Gillespie
Mary Hefti	Geri Burros	Duaine Burros

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Pikkaraine Family
Acolyte: Corbin Borgstrom
Reader: Deegan Pikkaraine
Coffee/Fellowship: Pikkaraine Family
Musician: Rebecca Heyn
Song Leader: Heyn Family

From last Sunday: “Turn my heart away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your Word” – Psalm 119:37.

Thank You! to everyone who helped with the reception after Pastor Steve Junker’s funeral on Friday.

When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free. (Catherine Ponder)

Bible Presentation for 3rd Graders: Jackson Mohagen and Hudson Traphagen. We’re receiving a one-time offering for our Bible Fund to help cover the cost of the Bibles and have Bibles available to anyone who wants one. Special envelopes are in the bulletin. Thank You!

Join us after worship for a Rolls, Juice, Coffee and Family Fun with games for the kids

Introducing: Club Bible! Kids 3 years old through 6th Grade will meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 5:15 to 6 pm. We have volunteers lined up to help; Pastor Brad will work with the 5th and 6th Graders. Our sister parish, Faith, is invited to participate and this will be open to the community. Questions or comments? Please talk with Tina Pikkariane or Pastor Brad.

Fall Bazaar is October 3. Lefse workshop is Thursday, September 24 and Saturday, September 26. Sign-up sheets for workdays and supply donations are on the table outside the office. Please help if you are able. Remember to sell your raffle tickets.

Dates and Happenings:

Monday, September 14

5-8 pm Piano Lessons - Grace
7 pm Bible Study - Faith

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 am Pastor at Evansville Care Campus
1:30 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

Wednesday, September 16

5:15 pm Club Bible - Age 3 to Grade 6
6 pm Confirmation - Grade 7/8
7 pm Confirmation - Grade 9

Thursday, September 17

9 am Quilting
9:30 am Pastor at Prayer & Share - Faith
1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living
4-7 pm Piano Lessons - Grace

Saturday, September 19

9-10 am Piano Lessons

Sunday, September 20

9 am Worship
10:30 am Worship – Faith

Kumbaya

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya
Oh, Lord, Kumbaya!

Come and teach us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and teach us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and teach us, Lord, Kumbaya
Oh, Lord, Kumbaya!

Come and bless us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and bless us, Lord, Kumbaya
Come and bless us, Lord, Kumbaya
Oh, Lord, Kumbaya!

Prayer for Illumination

God, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Amen

Genesis 50:15-21 *Peace ... finally!*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"

So the brothers sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly'. Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father".

When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children".

And Joseph reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Amen

Matthew 18:21-35 *Stop Keeping Score*

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you not seven times, but seventy-seven times".

“Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children be sold to repay the debt.

At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ be begged, ‘and I will pay back everything’. The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back’.

But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything had had happened.

Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

This is how My heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart”.

Amen

Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!
Praise Him, praise Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!

Serve Him, serve Him,
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!
Serve Him, serve him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!

Thank Him, thank Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!
Thank Him, thank Him
all ye little children
God is love! God is love!

If You’re Happy and You Know it

If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you’re happy and you know it, then you’re life will surely show it
If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands!

If you’re happy and you know it, stomp your feet
If you’re happy and you know it, stomp your feet
If you’re happy and you know it, then you’re life will surely show it
If you’re happy and you know it, stomp your feet!

If you’re happy and you know it, shout, “Amen!”
If you’re happy and you know it, shout, “Amen!”
If you’re happy and you know it, then you’re life will surely show it
If you’re happy and you know it, shout, “Amen!”

If you’re happy and you know it, do all three
If you’re happy and you know it, do all three
If you’re happy and you know it, then you’re life will surely show it
If you’re happy and you know it, do all three!