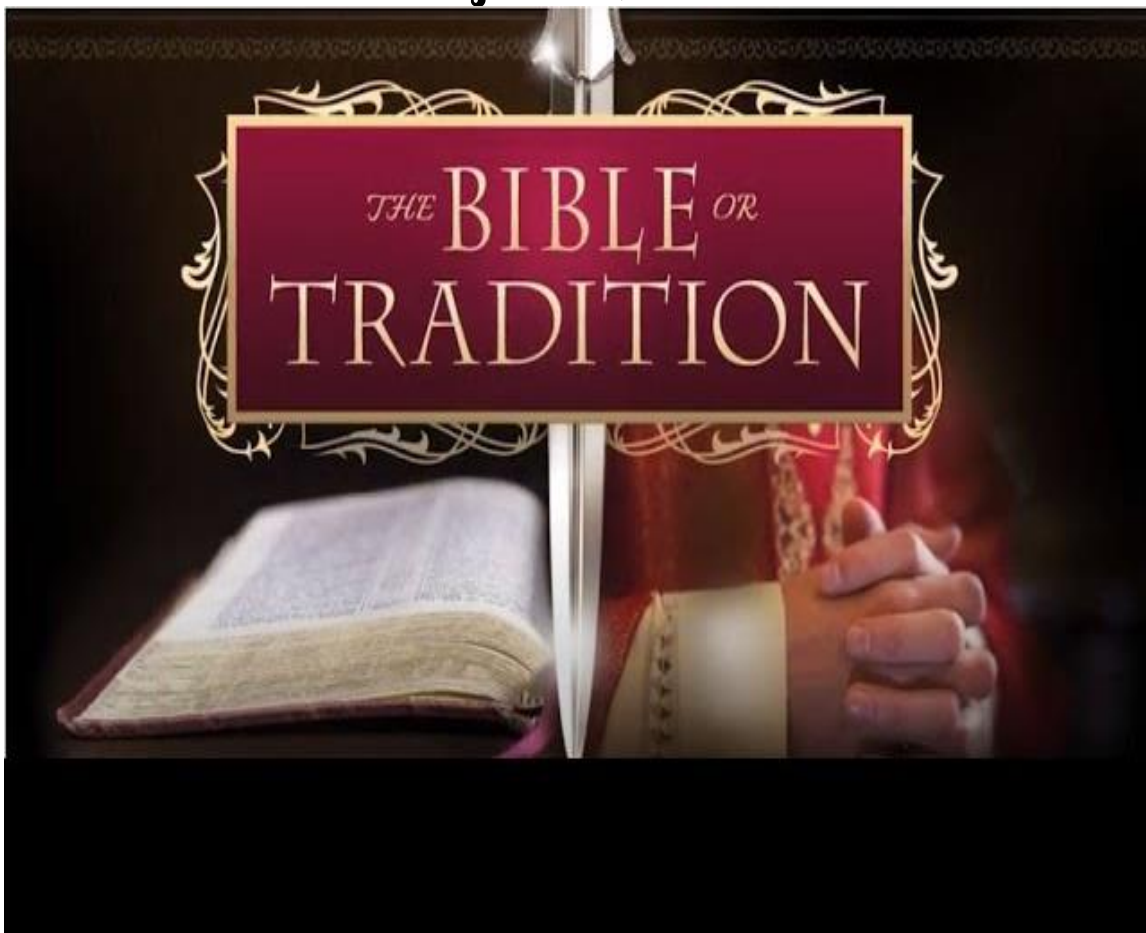


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✠ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Prelude

Processional Hymn

587 I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Concentus novi, 1540, Augsburg Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Versicles

Common

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- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.

- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Introit

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.
Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in-|tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.

**I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, | O LORD,*
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your | wondrous deeds.**

**Glory be to 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.**

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

Collect

P Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Chamber Ensemble

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Helmbold

Old Testament

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”

¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 7:1-13

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

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P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

Offering (11:00 am)

Sermon Hymn

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

“Things are Only Things ~ The Traditions of God”

Mark 7:1-13

Rev. Timothy P. Halboth

Congregational Response

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818-88, alt. Tune: George J. Webb, 1803-87 Text and tune: Public domain

Offering (9:15 am)

Prayer

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]*. . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

sts. 1-2, 6



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
6 His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
But sent the world His truth and grace By His be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76 Text and tune: Public domain

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WELCOME! We all enjoy traditions. Whether they are family traditions that you practice for holidays or simply using a family recipe, we all love them. Traditions have their place in the church as well, but they dare not take the place of God's Word of Law and Gospel. This morning as we conclude the summer sermon series "Things Are Only Things" we hear Jesus speaking of the traditions of God and the traditions of man. May God bless our worship.



Monday	9:30 am	Quilting - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00 am	Adult Bible Study - East Chapel

Next Sunday - September 1, 2024 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Being A Christian is Hard Labor" based on Mark 7:14-23. Holy Communion will be celebrated.



Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you should need assistance with your child during the worship hour the Cry Room and the Nursery are available. Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance. Thank you.



Sunday School Please meet Miss Bonnie in the Narthex and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



The Arrangements of Flowers at the Altar are given to the praise and glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Boynton from her husband Edward.

REMINDER: With August already in full swing and people enjoying vacations and final trips until Fall the "life" of the Church continues. Ministry will continue here at Grace Church and we kindly ask you to remember the church in your offerings while you are away. You may mail them in which will help our finances during this summer month. May God bless our church, the Church of God, and all of you during your summer vacation getaways.

August Sunday Sermon Series led by Pastor Halboth
Theme: "Things Are Only Things"

August 4, 2024 - "Things Are Only Things: Fed By Jesus"

August 11, 2024 - "Things Are Only Things: Jesus is Enough"

August 18, 2024 - "Things Are Only Things: Words of Eternal Life"

August 25, 2024 - "Things Are Only Things: The Tradition of God"



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who has placed flowers in the chancel. It is best to call the church office to place your order. **Altar arrangements are \$60, this includes both Altar arrangements.**

Lectern flowers are available only if the Altar arrangements have been purchased and the cost is \$30. Checks should be made payable to: **Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries.** Payments may be placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center. Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 am worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. The following Sundays are available to place flowers: **All Sundays in September, October 6, 13, 20 and All Sunday in November.**



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



We continue to take donations of non-perishable food items for our food pantry and also used eyeglasses. A new way to donate is through giving of new or used sunglasses! We are now sending these donations to MOST Ministries (Mission Outreach Short Term) which is an approved service organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between Worship hours for coffee and fellowship!