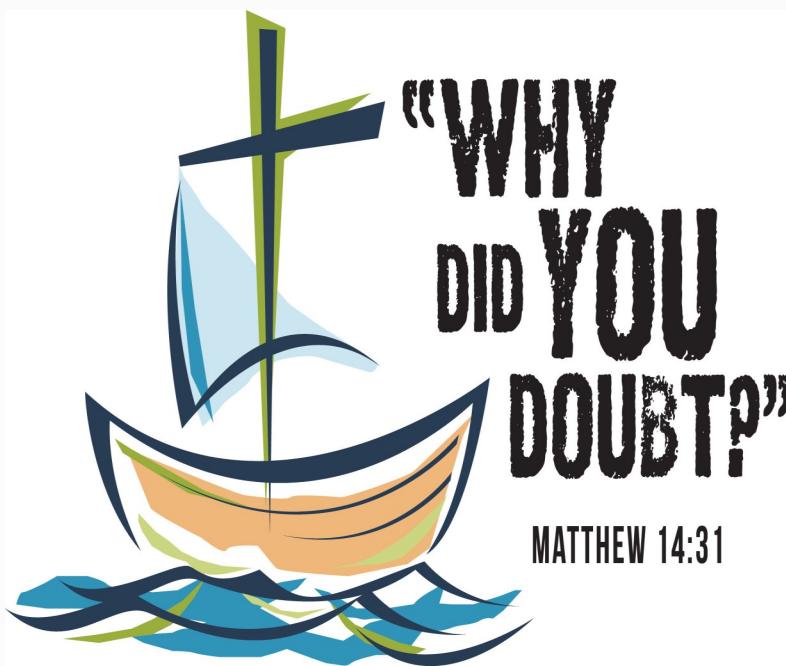


# AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA WORSHIP SERVICE



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 13, 2023  
10:00 am**

**AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**  
**160 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932 – Tel. 973-377-7425**  
**Rev. Beau D. Nelson, Pastor**

***Our Mission: Trust in God's Grace. Show it. Share it.***

***Our Vision: To support and enrich lives through God's grace.***

Welcome to Amazing Grace! We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today!

We are a congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA, the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States. The ELCA's tagline is "God's Work, Our Hands" which reflects God's call to love and serve our neighbors through our actions.

Amazing Grace was recently formed by the merger of our two predecessor congregations: Saint Mark Lutheran Church of Morristown and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Florham Park.

If you have any questions about our congregation or would like information about becoming a member of Amazing Grace, feel free to speak to the pastor following the service.

**A Note about Holy Communion at Amazing Grace**

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and all are welcome to partake in the sacrament at the Lord's Table. Parents can determine if they wish their children to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. When you come to the altar you may stand or kneel.

The presiding minister places the bread/wafer in our hand (gluten-free wafers are available). The Worship Assistant will offer a tray of pre-filled wine and grape juice, with the grape juice in the 7 center cups. Another alter server will collect your empty cup, and you may return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms as you come to the altar.

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**GATHERING**

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**Prelude****Welcome****Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\dagger$  one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of  $\dagger$  Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: ELW #761 "Evening and Morning"



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,  
 2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;  
 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;  
 4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:  
 calm all my gla - ders, blot out my er - rors,  
 though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,  
 O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer,



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!  
 that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.  
 af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
 gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,  
 Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;  
 Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing:  
 hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,  
 guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;  
 these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure  
 hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
 all I com - mit to your fa - ther ly hand.  
 when in your man - sions you grant me a place.  
 and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

**Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise—ELW #819 “Come, All You People”**

*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

## Prayer of the Day

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O God our defender, **storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## WORD

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### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85:8-13****Refrain: *I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)***

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD<sup>1</sup> God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.

**Refrain: *I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.***

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

**Refrain: *I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.*****Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Rev. Beau D. Nelson**

## Hymn of the Day: ELW #862 “Praise Praise! You are My Rock.”



1 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me  
 2 Praise, praise! You are my rock. My des - ert sand is dry. You break the  
 3 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of  
 4 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the ta - ble set. We break the



when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.  
 rock, a riv - er flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry.  
 faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk a - gain.  
 bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met.



Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

<p>5 Praise, praise! You are my rock.      The Easter grave is sealed;      you roll the stone—you, God, alone—      then sin and death are healed, are healed.      Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.</p>	<p>6 Praise, praise! You are my rock.      You stood high on a hill.      A holy cloud: you are on high.      Be still, my heart, be still, be still.      Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.</p>
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## Praise Reports

## Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

(Please remain seated.)

Let there be peace on earth  
 And let it begin with me  
 Let There Be Peace on Earth  
 The peace that was meant to be  
 With God as our Father  
 Fam'ly all are we  
 Let us walk with each other  
 In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
 Let this be the moment now.  
 With ev'ry step I take  
 Let this be my solemn vow  
 To take each moment and live  
 Each moment in peace eternally  
 Let there be peace on earth  
 And let it begin with me

**MEAL****Offering****Offertory Hymn: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

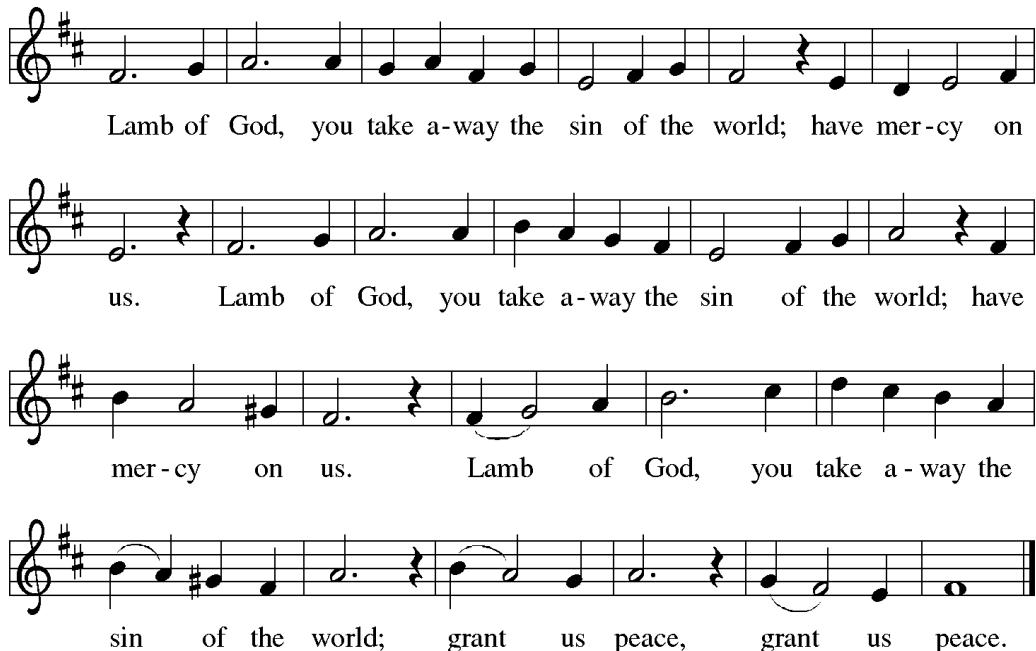
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution of Communion

(See note on page 2 regarding our practice of Holy Communion.)

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Post-Communion Prayer

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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SENDING

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**Announcements**

**Benediction**

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
☩ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: ELW #668 “O Zion, Haste”**  
**(See Page 14)**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Hymn: ELW #668 “O Zion, Haste”

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell all the world that God, is light;  
 that make known to whom ev - they live heart and his move, is love;  
 God in ev - ry heart and his move, is grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that un - we might live a - bove.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,  
 tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Beau D. Nelson

**Organist:** Ralph Petersen

**Worship Assistant:** Art Zinn

**Lector:** Carol Swinburne

**Usher:** Bob Burkhardt

**Sunday, August 20th**

**Worship Assistant:** Art Zinn

**Lector:** Cookie Davidsen

**Usher:** Jamie Davidson

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## **PRAYER LISTS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 13th**

**(Note: New entries appear in Bold Font)**

**Our Church Family:** Marty Schwartz; Ron Bauer; Dick Zeien; Irene Nagle; Kathy Briedis; Carla & Wolf Bauer; Patty Chadwick

**Friends and Family:** Chelsea; Blain P.; Sam P.; Matt Garvey; Chris Schwins; Kathy Anderson; Alan Jacobus; Stan Kasiski; Robert & Marianne Mangels; Pam Strode; Nancy Martin; Doris Gero; Ron Brodeur; Dina Campbell; Steve DiGioia; John Brennan; Bill Ruha; Tom McGough; David Estes; Becky Cram (friend of Roy Root); Bob Newhouse; Bill Jardine; Peter Rinaldi; Vince Bober; Doris Herbert Holly; Ralph Swinburne; Joe Mihalko; Joe Caparo; Cathy Caparo; Gene & Al Clelland; Ruth Moolin; Bob Swanson; Nancy and Jeff Martin; Pauline Morris; Winnie A. Maroney; Lina Petrullo; Janice Bitondo; Eileen & Dave Word; John West; Brian Goldrich & Barbara Gemma; and Robert Zeien; Kathy McKeown (friend of Donna Mertz-Burkhardt), Theresa Schild (mother of Alexis Nelson); Joe Canorelli (friend of Bob Burkhardt); Geri Monetti (Former Member); Patty Barnes & Family (Daughter of Carla & Wolf Bauer); Bonny and Bob Caridad (Bob Burkhardt's Sister and Husband); Janet (Friend of Carla Bauer); June Mueller (Cousin of Donna Mertz-Burkhardt); Stanley Nagy (Brother of Carla Bauer); Brian Vohs (Nephew of Gail Glennon)

**The Family Of:** Patti Nordling (Cookie Davidsen); Shirley Yannich; Roger Jerolaman (Sullivan Family)

### **IN THE WORLD:**

Those affected by the wildfires in Canada; The People of Ukraine; All who are suffering from the Coronavirus Pandemic

**NOTE:** If you have any announcements or prayer requests to add or delete, please call 973-377-2574 or email: [ingrid.davidsen10@gmail.com](mailto:ingrid.davidsen10@gmail.com)