



'Do not be afraid, little flock,

*for your Father has
been pleased to give
you the kingdom.
Sell your possessions
and give to the poor.*

Luke 12.32-3

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction

*Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church,
and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly.
Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

Prelude

“In the Garden”
Chuck Linderkamp, bass clarinet

arr. Rich Heffler

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

(Matt. 24:42, 44)

P: Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

All: Alleluia.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

All: **We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

All: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” ELW# 771
(Verses 1,2, 3 found on page 10)

Readings

Assisting Minister

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God’s promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”

⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your

descendants be.”⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22 (read responsively by whole verse)

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

AM: ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

All: ¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

AM: ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

All: ¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

AM: ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

All: ¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

AM: ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

All: ¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

All: ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

All: ²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

AM: ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God’s promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we

understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in

heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon “Do Not Be Afraid, Little Flock” **Pastor Mitch**

Hymn of the Day “Blessed Assurance” **ELW# 638**
(Verses 1, 2, 3 found on page 11)

Apostle’s Creed

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by Holy Spirit, born of the the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Offering

Offering Music **“The Old Rugged Cross”** **arr. George Bennard**
Chuck Linderkamp, bass clarinet

Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Sending of Communion (*Lay Ministers please come forward*)

P: Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food comfort, and strength to a sick world. Anoint with a servant heart these who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who receive on your body and blood and believe your words of new life. May we all recognize that we are at home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn **“How Great Thou Art”** **ELW# 697**
(Verses 1, 2 and 4 found on page 12)

Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude **“Onward, Christian Soldiers”** **arr. Arthur S. Sullivan**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

Music: Barb Rossow and Chuck Linderkamp

Assisting Ministers: Mary Kowitz and Dennis Rasmusson

Ushers: David Almquist, Florence Rasmusson

Livestream Producer: Jim Persoon

Hospitality: Roxanne Larsen and Kathy Brackey

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Thank you to Chuck Linderkamp for his wonderful of music this morning!
We are so glad that you are here!**

Prayer List: Wayne Blosssey, Ken Wagner, Tyler King, Peggy Engh, Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Velta Krauze, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge, Sharon Anderson, and Linda Nyberg.

August Birthdays:

Pam Wiehe	August 1	Rhonda Gautschi	August 15
Jan Kowitz	August 8	Dennis Rasmusson	August 18
Joy Tkachuck	August 8	Mary Cincotta	August 18
Anna Clarke	August 11	Janine Almquist	August 24
Bubby Schaber	August 14		

August Anniversaries:

Paul and Mary Kowitz	August 5	50 years
Palmer and Virginia Iverson	August 7	46 years
Sally and Steve Keller	August 9	53 years
Charles and Carol Baldwin	August 12	50 years
Pam and Mike Wiehe	August 16	36 years
Karl Ebert and Carol Krauze	August 16	26 years
Joann and Robert Groth	August 26	55 years

Upcoming Events:

August 7 – Partnership Temple Talk – Pastor Richard Pittman, House of Praise

August 7 – Chuck Linderkamp – special music for our worship service

August 14 – Partnership Temple Talk – Mission Investment Fund

August 21 – East Side Collaborative – Worship in the Park

Lake Phalen Pavilion – 10:00 a.m. – Amy and Adams music leaders, Picnic Lunch. More information to follow

August 28 – Partnership Temple Talk – Pam Wiehe, Alley Shoppe

September 4 – Partnership Temple Talk – Jessica Jones, Open Door Learning Center

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

Sending Hymn

Verses 1,2,4
How Great Thou Art

ELW # 856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cia-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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