



Monitoring Your Heartbeat

Stewardship – October 8, 2023

Grace Lutheran Church



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Sept. 4: A Re-Created Heart

October 1: A Contented Heart

TODAY: A Cleaned-Servant Heart

October 15: A Civic-minded Heart

October 22: A Chosen Heart



Today we continue a focus on how people with hearts beating with God's love live. Specifically, we see Jesus calling us to serve others with hearts made clean by Him.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP –

See the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers

PATH OF WORSHIP –

This service folder or on the screen.

MUSIC –

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Welcome guests – we are happy to have you here with us today. Sometimes attending a church for a first time can be intimidating. Things that will help you:

Our service this morning is located in this folder. You are invited to join the other worshippers by reading the bold faced responses. Songs are either in this folder or found in the blue song book (hymnal) located in the book rack ahead of you.

A Cry Room is available for parents who need a quiet place to calm a baby or young child. That room is located in the back corner on the side of the windows.

Bathrooms are across the breezeway just inside the Grace Hall entryway.

After worship – would you leave your contact information so we can follow up and see if you have any questions? There is a folder just inside the entryway. We would love to share a treat or cup of coffee with you in our fellowship area afterwards as well. Please join us.



L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS *(from Psalm 51)*

L: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, According to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

All: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence Or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, And sinners will turn back to you.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C:

Refrain



Come, Ho-ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you with willing hearts; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16: 13-23

The one anointed to be the leader of all Israel, offers a servant heart.

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

¹⁵ Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. ¹⁶ Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

¹⁷ So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

¹⁸ One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

¹⁹ Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." ²⁰ So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.



²¹ David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. ²² Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.”

²³ Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

United to Christ, we are like-minded, humbling serving as he first served us.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!



⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 13: 1-17

A heart and life cleaned by Jesus will serve as the Master served us.

¹³ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.



¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

After the Gospel, we say:

L. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to you, O Lord.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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 OF THE DAY

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

SERMON **A Life of Serving begins with a Clean Heart** *based on John 13:1-1*

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Guests, please do not feel obligated to give give with a cheerful heart. The members of grateful response to his love. These good news about Jesus, both here and



an offering today. The Lord wants us to Grace bring their offerings to God in offerings support the proclaiming of the around the world.

After the offering, please stand as we make our prayer to God who promises to hear and answer our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

CLOSING BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. ✠

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



STEWARDSHIP FLOWS FROM A BLESSED HEART MADE TO BE A BLESSING



You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11