

# GRACE

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2020

8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks this question of his disciples. He asks it, too, of us. This world seeks to conform us to itself, bombarding us with voices that tell us it is up to us to become who we are. While this sounds inviting, it becomes a relentless demand. The voice of the gospel cuts through the clatter. God is transforming us through the renewal of our minds. With Peter, and by the Spirit's power and grace, we declare that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. In him, we receive our identity as forgiven sinners, resurrected saints, and beloved children of God. And that's a rock upon which you can build a life.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Paul Bouman

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen.

 Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **G** Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

■ Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest 0 • Ø Ο in the highest, and peace to A Glory to God his peo - ple on earth. God C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y and Fa - ther: we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. We wor-ship you, Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Α men

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### **G** Amen.

We sit.

# + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 138

ANTIPHON: Forever and ever, O Lord, your love endures forever.

- L I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;\* before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your name,\* because of your | love and faithfulness;
- for you have glori- | fied your name\* and your word a- | bove all things.
- When I called, you | answered me;\* you increased my | strength within me.
- L All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,\* when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
- They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,\* that great is the glory | of the Lord.
- Though the Lord be high, he cares | for the lowly;\* he perceives the haughty | from afar.
- Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;\* you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
- L The Lord will make good his pur- | pose for me;\* O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

[St. Paul writes:] I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Ray Makeever

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**: Matthew 9:23



- L You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
- **C** REFRAIN

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13–20

▶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: We Are Because Christ Is

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 16:13–20; Romans 12:1–8



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

#### **ANTHEM:** Prayer for Peace

O God of love, O King of peace, Make wars throughout the world to cease, The wrath of nations now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, thy works of old, The wonders that thy people told; Remember not our sin's dark stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on thy faithful word? None ever called on thee in vain. Give peace, O God, give peace again! Henry Baker, 1821–77 David Cherwien

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

#### **G** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

# + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN: Alleluia! Voices Raise



Text: George Wither, 1588–1667, alt., based on Psalms 148 and 150 Music: PRINCETON, Richard W. Hillert, 1923–2010 Music © 1990, 1991 Oxford University Press, Inc.

#### DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE:** Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist Ellen Pullin, soprano Bill Pullin, baritone Eunice Eifert, videographer Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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# LET US PRAY...

#### Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Ruth Barker Len Berghaus Anne-Marie Bogdan Ed Borg Hans Dumpys Ken Folgers Dennis Forgue Marilyn Gotsch Belen and Ron Gresens Carl and Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Kathy Hale Kathy Hale Kathy Hayes Ken Heppner **Patricia Herendeen** 

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#### **Benevolence** ministries

ELCA World Hunger

#### Thanksgiving for

The 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Dave and Sharon Kluge** The 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Karl Reko** The beginning of the school year for all schools and for Grace as it enters its 125<sup>th</sup> academic year

#### For those who mourn

Sophia Cetin Alan Harre (friend of many at Grace) Pamela Whiteside (grandmother of Ngaire Bull)

#### Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks) David Danford (son of John and Karen) E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz) Brent Knop (great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing)

#### Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski)

#### Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak *(Germany)* Drew Krueger *(England)* 

#### Those who are homebound

Barbara BunjesRuth LauxChristopher DavisWalt and Carolyn MartinMarie GierkeJoanne NelsonRonald GresensBarbara RinnanGloria HillertKathleen Wrobel

#### Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oregon Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher) Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone) Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie) Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss) Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

#### Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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- I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- **I** would like to know more about Grace Church.
- **I** am interested in a path toward membership.
- I would like to know more about Grace School.
- □ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail, Sunday Is Coming.
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