

GRACE

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 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

"This must never happen to you!" That's how Peter, having just rightly confessed Jesus as the Messiah, reacts when Jesus tells him about the suffering and death that is coming. As always, I can relate to Peter. I, too, do not seek suffering. I would prefer to avoid pain, for myself and for those I love. But the truth of the matter is that there is suffering and pain in this world. Often, in seeking to avoid suffering, we inflict it upon others. Jesus knows that the only way to undo it is to enter into it. Jesus goes to the cross and loses his life for the sake of the lost and suffering. Only in him do we find life. Only through him can we seek to alleviate this world's pain as we point toward the promise of resurrected living.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Aria

Flor Peeters

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-1896, alt. Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555-1613, adapt.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. **L** The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

ANTIPHON: Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

- Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;* I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.
- Test me, O | Lord, and try me;* examine my heart | and my mind.
- E For your love is be- | fore my eyes;* I have walked faith- | fully with you.
- I have not sat | with the worthless,*
 nor do I consort with | the deceitful.
- I have hated the company of | evildoers;* I will not sit down | with the wicked.
- I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,* that I may go in procession | round your altar,
- singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving* and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
- Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell* and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9–21

[St. Paul writes:] Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 9:23



- L May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which God has called us.
- **C** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

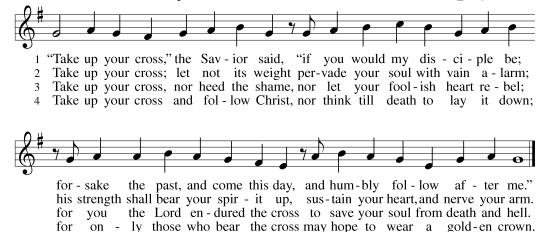
²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Found by the Lost Messiah

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 16:21–28 HYMN OF THE DAY: "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said



Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Music: NUN LASST UNS DEN LEIB BEGRABEN, G. Rhau, Newe deudsche geistliche Gesenge, 1544

APOSTLES' CREED

- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- 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: Lord, You Have Searched Me

Lord, you have searched me, You know all my ways; You know my every move: When I lie down, when I rise up, In your wisdom you know me through and through

G. F. Händel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

You know all my thoughts from far away. Though I be near, though I be far, Through all my days, O Lord, you are there. For you the night is bright as the day; You are the true light upon my way.

Lord, you have searched me, You know all my ways; Therefore I sing your goodness. You are my God forevermore. From Psalm 139

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.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

(green) LBW #487



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Paul Manz

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist Karen Brunssen, mezzo soprano Kim Brunssen, 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

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz) Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson) Deb Bree (friend of Debbie Conley) Elvis Burleson (son-in-law of Tina Moore) John Cattau (nephew of Dan Cattau) Bob Close (friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin) Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel) Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein) Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Joan Fudala (mother of Greg Fudala) Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Ryan Hall (nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns) Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) Marian Hogue (mother of Merrily Smith) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner) Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay) Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson) Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott) Lenny Kobilca (friend of Deanna Marotz) Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Ron and Jeaneatte Koski (parents of Jill Koski) George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson) Alice Kubly (friend of Adrienne and Ron Rott) Mary Jane Kuehnert (friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening) Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell) John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson) Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich) John Lauritzen (former Grace School student) Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig Paul Lochner Beth Smoots McClanahan Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Paul Nelson Adrienne Rott Tim Sandvoss Marge Sanger Pat Scala Carl Schalk Carol Shea Rich and Bonnie Stasack Janet Sylvester **Stephanie Wilkening**

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel) Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli) Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran) Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell) MaryJo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler) Don and John Moehlenkamp (brothers of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) **Robert Neer** (nephew of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse) Joan Nelson (mother of Julie Modrich) Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester) Kathi Parisi (friend of Debbie Conley) Rosie Parker (mother of Cameron Parker) James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples) Becky Peterson (friend of Jennifer Staples) Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt) James Powers (friend of Al Swanson) Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott) Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba) Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson) Bonnie Robinson (friend of Julie Hinz) Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack) Linda Schroeder (aunt of Anne-Marie Bogdan) John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner) Ken and Lori Shoup (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Teresa Smith (cousin of Marilyn Heppner) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten) Lee Stephens (brother of Tony) Konrad Swider (friend of Al Swanson) Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone) Ilene Thompson (sister of Marilyn Heppner) Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel) Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz) Sonja Wandro (sister of Al Swanson) Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen) Robert West (friend of John and Carol Stanger) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz) Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik) Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher) 13 Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Hope for Grieving Children

Thanksgiving for

The 94th birthday of Jim Scherer

For those who mourn

Richard Rose (friend of many at Grace)

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 Roblfing)

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 Bunjes	Ruth Laux
Christopher Davis	Walt and Carolyn Martin
Marie Gierke	Joanne Nelson
Ronald Gresens	Barbara Rinnan
Gloria Hillert	Kathleen 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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Check all that apply:

- □ 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.
- □ I would like one of the pastors to contact me via (check one) □ Phone or □ E-mail.

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