

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2020 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHER AN CHUR CH

## 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.

# **Flowers**

The flowers are given by Gick Schmidt in memory of Stephen Schmidt.

# As We Gather

It is tempting to believe that the church should be a community without conflict, but that would be a mistake. A mistake that leads to disillusionment. We are human; wherever two or three are gathered there will be disagreement. What makes the church unique is that we are people whose lives are shaped by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In him, we are forgiven. Through him, we can forgive. Christ promises to be among us, helping us live out the reconciliation he has given us.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Aria Keith Kolander

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- @ Amen.
- P 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.
- 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

- P Most merciful God,
- 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.
- C Amen.



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## Amen.

We sit.

# + WORD +

# FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7–11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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



PSALM 119:33–40 John Folkening

ANTIPHON: I desire the path of your commandments.

- Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,\* and I shall keep it | to the end.
- Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your law;\*
  I shall keep it with | all my heart.
- Make me go in the path of | your commandments,\* for that is | my desire.
- Incline my heart to | your decrees\* and not to | unjust gain.
- Turn my eyes from watching | what is worthless;\* give me life | in your ways.
- Fulfill your promise | to your servant,\* which you make to | those who fear you.
- L Turn away the reproach | which I dread,\* because your judg- | ments are good.
- **B**ehold, I long for | your commandments;\* in your righteousness pre- | serve my life.

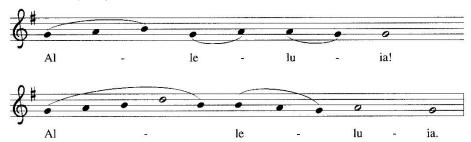
## **SECOND READING:** Romans 13:8–14

[St. Paul writes:] Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

- L Alleluia.
- **G** REFRAIN (below)



- Let In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Alleluia.
- **©** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

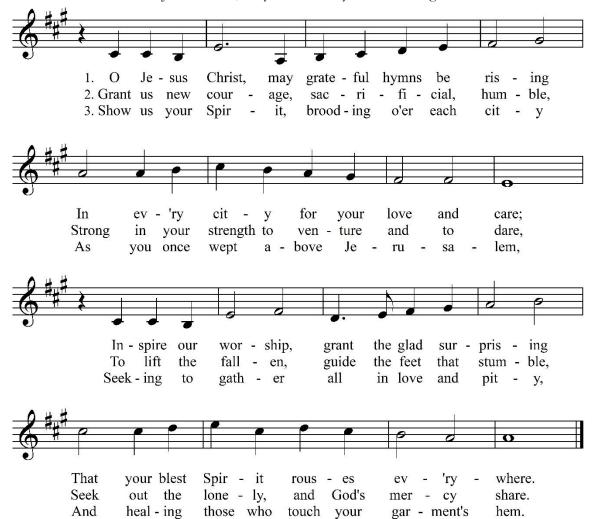
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

**SERMON**: Crossing Out Sin

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 18:15–20

# HYMN OF THE DAY: O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns be Rising



Text: Bradford Gray Webster (1898-1991) Tune: Michael D. Costello (b. 1979)

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**GRATEFUL HYMNS** 

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## **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: Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

O God, Father in heaven, Have mercy upon us. Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By every evil, every woe; Upon your cross-forsaken Son Our death is laid, and peace is won. Richard Hillert

O Son of God, redeemer of the world Have mercy upon us. Your arms extend, O Christ, to save From sting of death and grasp of grave; Your scars before the Father move His heart to mercy at such love.

O God, Holy Spirit, Have mercy upon us. O lavish Giver, come to aid The feeble child your grace has made. Now make us grow and help us pray; Bring joy and comfort come to stay. Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **Q** 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.
- 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.
- Amen.



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## DISMISSAL.

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

**POSTLUDE**: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Michael D. Costello

# **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Christa Krout, flutist
Daniel Krout, tenor
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 Dennis Forgue
Annalise Balock Marilyn Gotsch
Cathy Barker Belen and Ron Gresens
Ruth Barker Carl and Donna Gruendler

Len Berghaus David Gruendler
Anne-Marie Bogdan Kathy Hale
Ed Borg Kathy Hayes
Hans Dumpys Ken Heppner
Ken Folgers 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)

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)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen)

**Dean Gesme** (father of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen)

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 (prenta of Imagara 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 Imagard Swanson)

Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)
Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

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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

Paul Nelson Adrienne Rott Tim Sandvoss Marge Sanger Pat Scala Carl Schalk Carol Shea

Madison Staples
Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Janet Sylvester

Carole Walther

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)

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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)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

## Benevolence ministries

Kidz Express

# Thanksgiving for

The marriage of Ellen Rohlfing and Jordan Williams

#### For those who mourn

Deb Bree (friend of Debbie Conley)
Carol Folkert (sister of Barbara Van Heukelem)
Dwight Nichols
Dagny Isberg (aunt of Craig Mindrum)

# 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 Galezewski)

# 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.

NAME(S)
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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.
- $\hfill \square$  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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