

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHER AN 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

Forgive one another? Sure, Jesus. But surely there are limits! Listen to the story: There was a king who had a servant in his debt; not for a few bucks but for an astronomical amount. It would have been laughable had it not been so serious. The servant asks for more time, but the king gives him something even greater: pity. The king does not respond to the servant's laughable offer to repay an unpayable debt. Instead, the king has a change of heart. He gets out of the debt-collecting business altogether! The king writes off his losses and moves on. It's so ludicrous from a worldly point of view that the servant himself doesn't get it, but maybe we will. God has forgiven you, has written off your sin for the sake of Christ. Why would you keep living by the old accounting?

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**: Concerto for Two Cellos in G minor, RV 531 Allegro

Antonio Vivaldi

## **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.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- P 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.
- @ Amen.



### 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.
- **Q** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## C Amen.

We sit.

# + WORD +

## FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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



PSALM 103:1–13 John W. Becker

ANTIPHON: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

- Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\* and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.
- ☑ Bless the Lord, | O my soul,\*and forget not | all his benefits.
- L He forgives | all your sins\* and heals all | your infirmities;
- He redeems your life | from the grave\*and crowns you with mercy and | lovingkindness;
- Le He satisfies you | with good things,\* and your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- The Lord ex- | ecutes righteousness,\* and judgement for all who | are oppressed.
- L he made his ways | known to Moses\* and his works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- The Lord is full of compass- | sion and mercy,\* slow to anger and | of great kindness.
- Let He will not al- | ways accuse us,\*
  nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.
- **G** He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,\* nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.
- For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,\* so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.
- As far as the east is | from the west,\*
  so far has he removed our | sins from us.
- Let As a father cares | for his children,\*
  so does the Lord care for | those who fear him.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 14:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

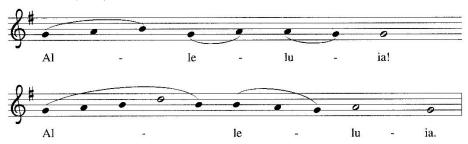
- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: 1 John 2:1, 12

Carl F. Schalk

**L** Alleluia.

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- We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven because of his name.
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## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SERMON: Payback Pastor Dave Lyle
Matthew 18:21-35



## 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.

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;

here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,

and all my weariness upon you lean.

**ANTHEM:** Here, O My Lord

I have no help but yours; nor do I need another's arm save yours to lean upon; it is enough, my Lord, indeed; my strength is in your might, your might alone.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God; here drink with you the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load; and load and taste the calm of sing forgiven.

here would I touch and handle things unseen;

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet passing points to the glad feast above, giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Horatius Bonar, alt. (1808-1889)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

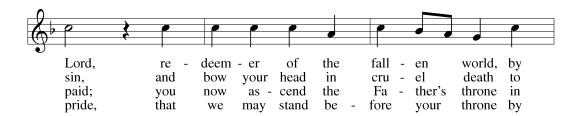
- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

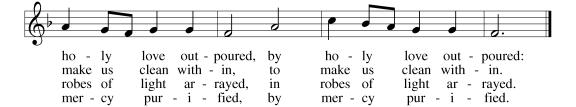
# **SENDING HYMN**: O Christ, Our Hope

(green) LBW #300



- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de sire, cre a tion's might y
- 2 How vast your mer cy to ac cept the bur den of our
- the bonds of death But now burst, the ran - som has been are Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail of to purge us our





5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy, our future great reward; our only glory, may it be to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

## DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: O Christ, Our Hope, BWV 609

Johann Sebastian Bach

# LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Ellie Anderson and Kjerstin Anderson, soloists and cellists
Ann Anderson, flutist
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
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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)

Doug Keiner (prend 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 Jeanette 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)

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Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

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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)
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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

The Lithuanian Lutheran Church in Diaspora

# Thanksgiving for

## For those who mourn

Ruth Laux

Lorraine Schnack (mother of Randy)

# 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 Walt and Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis Joanne Nelson Marie Gierke Barbara Rinnan Ronald Gresens Kathleen Wrobel

Gloria Hillert

# 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 Sandross)
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.
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