

# GRACE

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 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

Hopefully, in between the writing of this panel and worship on Sunday, we will have gained clarity into who has won the presidential election. But no matter who wins, we will still live in a world in need of the mighty wave of justice and the ever-flowing stream of righteousness of which Amos speaks. As people redeemed by Christ, our lamps have been filled with all the faith we need. We won't be left out in the dark. But we must always be ready to let our lamps burn brightly for justice. As Paul reminds us today, we are promised heaven. Let our lights so shine that the Kingdom would come on earth, as well.

# + GATHERING +

#### PRELUDE: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Paul Manz

#### **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.

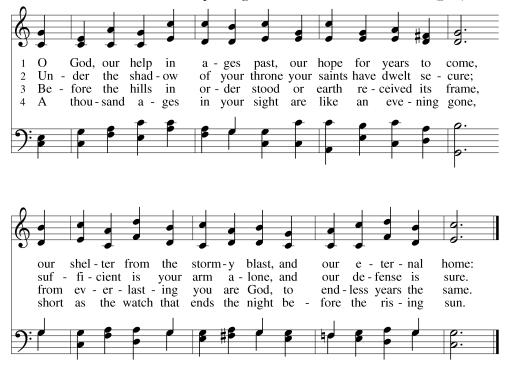
#### **G** Amen.

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.
- **C** Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day. 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

#### **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



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **G** And also with you.

 Let us pray.
 O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

# + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

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ANTIPHON: You are my helper and my deliverer, do not tarry, O Lord.

- Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;\* O Lord, make | haste to help me.
- Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;\* let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,\* because they | are ashamed.
- Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\* let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
- But as for me, I am | poor and needy;\* come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
- You are my helper and | my deliverer;\* O Lord, | do not tarry.

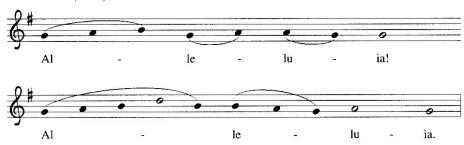
#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

L Alleluia.





- L Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
- **C** REFRAIN

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1–13

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

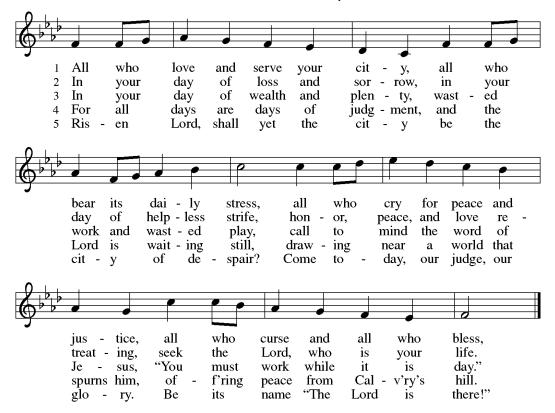
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Fueled by Faith, Burning for Justice

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 25:1–13; Amos 5:18–24



Text: Erik Routley, 1917–1982 Music: NEW ORLEANS, Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

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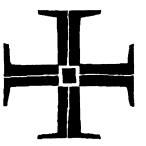


#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

- **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 holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



ANTHEM: Aria from Cantata #140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Johann Sebastian Bach

Zion hört die Wächter singen, Zion hears the watchmen singing, Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen, Her heart within her joyfully springing, Sie wachet und steht eilend auf. She awakens and rises quickly. Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig, Her friend comes from heaven gloriously, Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig, In mercy strong, in truth mighty, Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf. Her light brightens, her star rises. Nun komm, du werte Kron', Now come, you precious crown, Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn, Lord Jesus, Son of God! Hosianna! Hosanna! Wir folgen all We all follow Zum Freudensaal To the hall of joy Und halten mit das Abendmahl. And together hold the Lord's Supper.

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Karen P. Danford

#### **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.





Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

#### DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE**: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Paul Manz

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. David Kluge, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist Colin Krueger, 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 Annalise Balock Cathy Barker **Ruth Barker** Anne-Marie Bogdan Ed Borg Hans Dumpys Marilyn Gotsch Carl and Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Kathy Hayes Ken Heppner Patricia Herendeen Joan Koerber

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#### **Benevolence** ministries

Walther Christian Academy

#### For those who mourn

**Craig Brunssen** (brother of Kim Brunssen) **Barbara Saltenberger** (sister of Tina Moore, granddaughter of Otto Geiseman) **Helen Tuck** (aunt of Karin Danganan)

#### 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) Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)

#### 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	Marian Hogue
Christopher Davis	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

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