

Grace Lutheran Church – 10.18.20

Our Mission: "Grace Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community called to gather, grow, and give together in Grace.

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of \dagger Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen.

For the Beauty of the Earth – Performed by George and Lynn Jambor

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies,

For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Christ, Our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Christ, Our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Christ, Our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

For thyself, best gift divine,
To our world so freely giv'n:

Christ, Our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

GREETING

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Holy God, you have sent many into the world to proclaim your kingdom on earth. Send us, equip us, and walk with us so everyone can learn of your abundant love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Matthew 22:15-22

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

Blessing and Honor – Performed by George and Lynn Jambor

Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore,

Be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
Let all the earth sing his glory and fame.

Ocean and mountain, stream, forest and flow'r
Echo his praises and tell of his pow'r;

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Ever ascending the song and the joy,
Ever descending the love from on high;

Blessing and honor and glory and praise-
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
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Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp ad the palm;

Sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
Dying in the weakness and rising to reign;
Dying in weakness and rising to reign!

APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord in Your Mercy.

C: Hear our Prayer.

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer

C: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering – If you are able to continue to support the church financially during this difficult time, we would be grateful. Options for electronic giving are on our website (gracelutheran1.org). If you need help using the online giving tools please contact Pastor Andy (pastor@gracelutheran1.org). Another option is to mail your offering directly to the church.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. God of life,

C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.

Post Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his Grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send us, your servants, forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C: Amen.

Shout to the Lord – Performed by George and Lynn Jambor

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
Forever I'll love you forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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P: Go in peace. Let your life shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians