

Grace Lutheran Church – 11.1.20

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, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Embraced in God's love and hope, let us turn again to Him, confessing the truth about ourselves.

P: Merciful God,

C: **we have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with others. Remind us of who we are, children who are loved by you. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: At every moment you are held by the love of God, renewed by His Spirit, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this in Jesus' name: you are \dagger forgiven and freed.

C: **Amen.**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – Performed by Tara Singer

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

GREETING

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, children of God: grace, mercy, and peace
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Holy God, you have knit us together as one through your Son Jesus. Give us the wisdom to live our lives with faith and commitment to you. And to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Matthew 5:1-12

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught

them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

Blest Are They – Performed by Tara Singer, George and Lynn Jambor

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

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: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race. We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses—

C: We are grateful for the gift of baptism and salvation.

P: We thank you for your forgiveness. We praise you for drawing people to you through water and the Holy Spirit. We pray for all the baptized, O Lord, who strive to follow, obey and adore you – we are grateful for your love.

C: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race. We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses—

P: We give you thanks for loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured

and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we are, where we are—your precious children in this community of believers.

C: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith.

P: Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

C: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses—

P: We pray for family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friend who help, guide and uplift us—

C: We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. We pray that we may be like them in so we may live and die in you.

P: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

C: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

P: looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

C: Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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 all we are, all we have, and all we bring. Draw us together around your table. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your hands and feet in the world. 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 everlasting life.
C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray. We thank you, God our host, for inviting to your table.
Keep hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: You are Christ's message of love for this troubled world. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal life and hope, ✠ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.
C: Amen.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant – Performed by Tara Singer, George and Lynn Jambor

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

P: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians