

Grace Lutheran Church – 9.13.20

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, the one God who created us, the one who heals us, the one who renews us again and again

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

P: Source of all life,

C: **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Make us a church powered by love, wiling to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing for your whole creation. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, †† God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Verse 1

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:

We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice a lone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Verse 2

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Verse 4

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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, O Lord God, you bless us every single day. Fill our hearts
with gratitude so we may appreciate what you and given us and share our
blessings with others. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Congregation: Glory to you O Lord

Matthew 20:1-16

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord
Congregation: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

Lead Me, Lord

Verse 1

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,

For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
By the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, my Lord,
And lead me, Lord, today.

Verse 2

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
By the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, my Lord,
And lead me, Lord, today.

Verse 3

Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace;
All will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven, great is your reward.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
By the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, my Lord,
And lead me, Lord, today.
And lead me, Lord, today.

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. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and be filled with gratitude; and the blessing of the Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit keep you and remain with you forever.
C: Amen.

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Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

P: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians