

Grace Lutheran Church – 10.4.20

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.

At the Name of Jesus – Performed by Danielle and Francesca Cairolì

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess him, King of glory now.
Jesus is Lord, King of glory now.

He emptied himself, as a slave, yet free,

Came in human likeness for you and for me;
In human likeness for you and for me.

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess him, King of glory now.
Jesus is Lord, King of glory now.

He humbled himself, and obeyed God's will.
On a cross he dies on Calvary's hill;
For you and me he obeyed God's will.

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess him, King of glory now.
Jesus is Lord, King of glory now.

God exalted him, raised him up on high,
So above all others his name will not die;
That name we honor and glorify.

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess him, King of glory now.
Jesus is Lord, King of glory now.

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 21:33-46

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Congregation: Glory to you O Lord

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

Open My Eyes – Performed by Danielle Cairoli and George Jambor

Open my eyes, Lord.

Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

I live within you,
Deep in your heart, O Love.

I live within you,
Rest now in me.

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.

Take My Life That I May Be – Performed by Linda Davis, George and Lynn Jambor

Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

P: Go in peace. Let your life shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians