

Grace Lutheran Church – 9.27.20

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.**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly – Performed by Tara Singer and Linda Davis

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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, Heavenly Father, help us live with a sense of humility and purpose. Give us the wisdom to turn our hearts and minds over to you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Matthew 21:23-32

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Congregation: Glory to you O Lord

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one

another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

We Walk by Faith – Performed by Tara Singer

We walk by faith and not by sight;
With gracious words draw near,

O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke,
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
Now follow where you trod;

By in your promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

And when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light

My we behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.

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.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace

Performed by George and Lynn Jambor, Linda Davis, Jen Yoder, and Ray Yoder

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
Let your spirit fill this place;

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,
Now we humbly come to you.

With our songs and with our praise,
In your presence we stand amazed.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,
Let your spirit fill this place.

Let the call go out to all who truly seek the Lord,
To come and join this joyous song we sing;

Come rejoice and lend your voice and sing in one accord
The glorious songs of praise to him we bring.

Lord of glory, Lord of power,
Be with us this very hour;

We have gathered in in your name,
And your promises we claim.

With our songs and with our praise,
In your presence we stand amazed.

Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, let your spirit fill this place.
Let your spirit fill this place.

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.**

Praise and Thanksgiving – Performed by Tara Singer, Linda Davis, George and
Lynn Jambor

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
For all things living, you have made good:

Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor we may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
By Wisdom's guiding teach us to share

One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
Freely confessing your gracious hand.

Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
Your love sustaining showers the land.

P: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians