

Grace Lutheran Church – 9.6.20

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 \dagger 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, willing 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, \dagger 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.**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation – George and Lynn Jambor

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,

Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.
To this temple, where we call you,

Come, O lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your loving kindness,

Hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
What they seek from you to gain;

What they gain from you, forever
With the blessed to retain;

And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
Praise and honor to the Father,

Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,

Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

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, where there is tension, bring peace. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be bridge builders in a conflicted and hurting world. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Matthew 18:15-20

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Congregation: Glory to you O Lord

15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – George and Lynn Jambor

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in they perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!

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, \dagger Son, and Holy Spirit keep you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Blessed Assurance – George and Lynn Jambor

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

P: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians