

## 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, 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, †† 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.**

O God of Mercy, God of Light – Performed by Tara Singer

*Verse 1*

O God of mercy, God of light,  
In love and mercy infinite,

Teach us, as ever in your sight,  
To live our lives in you.

*Verse 2*

You sent your Son to die for all,  
That our lost world might hear your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!  
We rest our hope in you.

*Verse 3*

Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:  
To feel for those his blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought  
May work a work for you.

*Verse 4*

For all are kindred, far and eide,  
Since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
Grant us the will, and grace provide,  
To love then all in you.

**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 are a fountain of forgiveness. Fill our hearts with love so that we may love you and love 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

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord

**Congregation:** Praise to you O Christ

**Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling - Performed by Tara Singer

*Verse 1*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me.

*Refrain*

“Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, “O sinner, come home.”

*Verse 2*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me.

*Refrain*

“Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, “O sinner, come home.”

*Verse 3*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.

*Refrain*

“Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, “O sinner, come home.”

**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](http://gracelutheran1.org)). If you need help using the online giving tools please contact Pastor Andy ([pastor@gracelutheran1.org](mailto: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.**

Now Thank We All Our God - Performed by Tara Singer

#### *Verse 1*

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

#### *Verse 2*

Oh, may this bounteous God though all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

*Verse 3*

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
And keep us all in grace, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*catholic means universal/all Christians