



# Grace

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*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about  
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”*

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

*You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.*

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2020

### Today in Worship

- We are among the many who have struggled to believe in a world where it seems our enemies triumph and our own wills fail us. But the promises of God are not only for the present. They point us to that which is to come. To know the Lord is to know His promises without having seen them fulfilled. Gathering around His Word and Table, we meet those promises. His voice speaks of what will be, and in the flesh and blood of Christ, we taste the future that will come by His power and promise. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come.
- God’s Grace to you as you partake of Your one and only Savior Jesus this day.

### Ringing of the Bells

#### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #585  
“Lord Jesus Christ, with us Abide”

1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2. In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3. To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.

4. May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.

**C** **You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

*Silence for self-examination*

**P** Lord of mercy,

**C** **we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit Psalm

Ps. 86:11-15; *antiphon*: v. 6

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

**P** Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

**C** **unite my heart to fear your name.**

**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C** **and I will glorify your name forever.**

**P** For great is your steadfast love toward me;

**C** **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me;

**C** **a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.**

**P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

**C** **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O steadfast Lord, You are the great I AM whose promises never fail us and in whom alone salvation is to be found. Grant to us hearts to trust in Your mercy and courage in the face of doubt and fear that we not surrender hope to darkness and faith to unbelief; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

*"Is there a God besides the Lord?"*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 44.

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

*“The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.”*

**L** The Epistle Reading is from Romans, chapter eight.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*"Then the righteous shall shine like the sun."*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

8:00 Service

## The Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven. And sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*9:15 / 10:30 Service*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## **Message for Children from God's Word**

# Sermon Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #892

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.  
 All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
 Come to God’s own temple come; Raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
 Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
 Lord of harvest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,  
 From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
 Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
 Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
 There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:  
 Come with all Thine angels come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Responses after each petition:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
 trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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## Service of the Sacrament

*The Lord's Supper* is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



### The Lord's Prayer

### Words of Our Lord

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

### Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #625

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"*

1. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.
2. To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.
3. O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.

4. I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

## The Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, You have delivered Your people from all their enemies and redeemed us from all our enemies. Grant us grace that we not fear but live in peace, resting our past, present, and future on the strength of Your love and the hope of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

### Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #794  
"The Lord, my God, Be Praised"

1. The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

2. The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.

3. The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

4. The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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