



# 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 **9:15a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services** 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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

### Today in Worship

- Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God’s own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.
- 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 #741, **w. 1-4**  
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

1. Jesus Christ, my sure defense And my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence Rests upon the hope here given,  
Though the night of death be fraught Still with many an anxious thought.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer lives; Likewise I to life shall waken.  
He will bring me where He is; Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His members dead?

3. No, too closely I am bound By my hope to Christ forever;  
Faith's strong hand the rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
Even death now cannot part From its Lord the trusting heart.

4. I am flesh and must return To the dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide In His glory, at His side.

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

**P** Do good, O Lord, to those who hold fast to Your name

**C** and to those upright in heart.

**P** But those who turn aside to their crooked ways,

**C** the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** **O Lord, have mercy upon us poor, miserable sinners. We have offended You in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against our neighbor. Spare us, O God, who confess our sins to You and who hide not our faults from Your eyes. Restore the penitent and forgive us all our sins according to the promise of Your mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He suffered and died to cover our sins, cover us with His righteousness, and grant us grace that today and every day we live upright, sober, and godly lives to the glory of Your holy name. 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 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.**

## 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. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

*“Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.”*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from Deuteronomy, chapter seven.

<sup>6</sup> “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-39

*“Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior”*

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

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

*“The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.”*

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

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

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and

gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

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

*8:00 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.

*9:15 / 10:30 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.**

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

### **Hymn of the Day**

Lutheran Service Book #741, vv. 5-8  
"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

5. Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

6. Then take comfort and rejoice, For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grace is stirred When the trumpet's blast is heard.

7. Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave And at death no longer tremble;  
He, the Lord, who came to save Will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet, Treading death beneath their feet.

8. O, then, draw away your hearts From all pleasures base and hollow;  
Strive to share what He imparts While you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise, Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

## **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, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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*8:00 a.m. Service*

## **Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Closing Prayer**

- P** Let us pray. We give You thanks, O Lord, that You have set us apart by Baptism to be Your own people and given us the food of Christ’s flesh and blood to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and nourish us to everlasting life. Sustain us in this faith and in Your love so that temptation does not deceive us, earthly treasures distract us, or trials cause us to despair. Bring us at last into the holy joy of Your heavenly presence; 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 #922  
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.



## 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.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, consisting of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**C** 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 #644  
“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation; One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
4. Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

*This concludes the 9:15 a.m. + 10:30 a.m. Services*