



# 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020

### Today in Worship

- When His disciples wanted to know who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus pointed to a child as an object lesson for true humility. One who assumes the posture of complete dependence—having nothing, yet needing everything—is valued by God. Our gracious Savior calls us to such humility, repentance, and faith this day. As the only perfectly humble child of God, Jesus stoops to serve us today and fill us with the forgiveness we desperately need.
- 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 #686

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

Psalm 32:1

**P** Lord God, You promise grace and every blessing to all who come before You and repent of their sins. Hear us now as we, Your humble children, bring our prayers before You.

*Silence for self-examination*

**P** Most merciful Father,

**C** **we come before You and admit our sinfulness. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have failed to do what Your Word demands. We have not honored You fully with our lives, nor have we loved one another as You have first loved us. In the name of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Because our Savior humbled Himself for our sake upon the cross, enable us in true humility to receive the remission You promise to Your repentant children. Amen.**

**P** "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." God the Father has taken your sins and laid them upon our humble Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice, God does not count your sins against you. He has taken them away! He remembers them no more! He preserves and delivers you as His child forever! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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. O God, from whom all goodness and love proceeds, grant to us the posture of true humility and repentance, that turning from our sins, we receive the forgiveness You promise to all who trust in You; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

*“The watchman warns the wicked to turn from his way.”*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel, chapter 33.

<sup>7</sup> “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Epistle Reading

Romans 13:1-10

*“Love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

**L** The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 13.

<sup>13:1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good,

and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

*"Jesus calls the children of God to humility and repentance."*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

<sup>18:1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for

you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup> “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**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**

**☒ 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.**

## **Faith Application Paper**

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

### **Hymn of the Day**

Lutheran Service Book #820  
"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

1. My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless And save you through the past;  
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.
2. He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.



## 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. 197

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

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

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



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 198



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #606

*"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"*

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimsons stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

2. I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

## The Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son to humbly offer His life for our salvation, we thank You for the forgiveness and renewal of life You have given us in Word and Sacrament. Send us forth to humbly share with others that which we have here received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 #920, vv. 1-3  
“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world’s true king.

2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all, Christ’s world we serve to share Christ’s reign.

3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal, Christ’s world in Christ to recreate.

*This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service*



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