

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday November 22, 2020 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

#### **Flowers**

Flowers are given by Grace Church in celebration of the installation of The Rev. Troy Medlin.

# Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

# As We Gather

What a Sunday to install an associate pastor! We find ourselves parabolically projected into the heavenly throne room. Here we see Christ as king and judge, separating sheep from goats, righteous from sinful, saved from damned. This parable is why we need a preacher! While there may be worse goats out there in the world, none of us can rightly claim a place among the sheep. Not by our own works. We've failed too often. But Jesus will not forsake his flock. Deserving judgment, the Word proclaimed grants us mercy and grace. By the blood of the Lamb, we are goats no longer. As sheep, however, we are meant to live like it. Christ the King tells us where is reign is active. Go, and find Christ among the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and naked, the sick and imprisoned.

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**: String Quartet No. 4 in C Major, K. 157 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Allegro

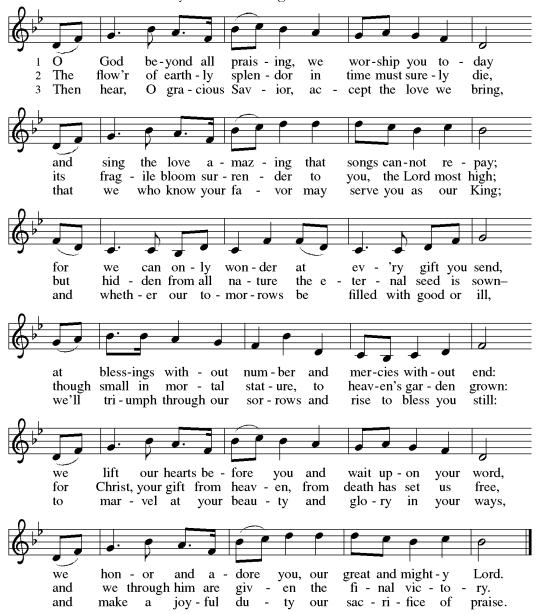
## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
  Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- **P** Most merciful God,
- We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

  As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



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#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**: Worthy is Christ





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **a** And also with you.
  - Det us pray.
    O God of power and might,
    your Son shows us the way of service,
    and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
    Give us the wisdom to know what is right
    and the strength to serve the world you have made,
    through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
    who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
    one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# + WORD +

# **FIRST READING**: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

- The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 95:1-7a

#### ANTIPHON:

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Anne Krentz Organ

- © Come, let us sing | to the Lord;\*
  let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- **Q** Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving\* and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.
- For the Lord | is a great God,\* and a great King | above all gods.
- In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,\* and the heights of the hills | are his also.
- The sea is his, | for he made it,\* and his hands have molded | the dry land.
- Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,\* and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.
- For he | is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

# **SECOND READING**: Ephesians 1:15–23

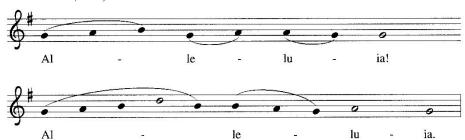
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Mark 11:9 Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia.

# **G** REFRAIN (below)



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

#### **C** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON**: Goats in Need of the Lamb

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 25:31–46

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

(blue) **WOV** #771 Setting by Michael D. Costello

Stanza one is sung by the soloist; we join in singing stanzas 2 and 3



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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957
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#### NICENE CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin

# **ANTHEM:** Antiphon (from Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The Church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King. George Herbert 1593–1633

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- @ Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

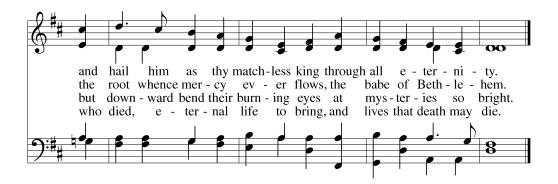
# + SENDING +

#### **BENEDICTION**

P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

#### C Amen.





- 5 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
- 6 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
  All hail, Redeemer, hail!
  For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

# DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**: String Quartet No. 4 in C Major, K. 157
Presto

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

# LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, associate pastor
Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Douglas Anderson, baritone
Jeremy Zimmer, piano

Kontras Quartet Eleanor Bartsch, violin Henry Zheng, violin\* Ben Weber, viola Jean Hatmaker, cello

Eunice Eifert, videographer Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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<sup>\*</sup>substitute violinist with the quartet

# LET US PRAY...

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker

Ruth Barker Anne-Marie Bogdan

Ed Borg Hans Dumpys Marilyn Gotsch

Carl and Donna Gruendler

David Gruendler Kathy Haves Ken Heppner Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell)

Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel)

James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker)

Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz)

Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Mike and Beth Bullock (parents of Keith Bullock) Elvis Burleson (son-in-law of Tina Moore)

John Cattau (nephew of Dan Cattau)

Mary Ellen Close (friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)

Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein)

Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Joan Fudala (mother of Greg Fudala)

Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen)

Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason)

Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner)

John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Mia Rose Jones (granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak)

Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)

Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson)

Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)

Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott)

Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

Ron and Jeanette Koski (parents of Jill Koski)

George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma)

Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)

Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)

Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson)

Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Jim Maggio (brother of Joe Maggio)

Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin)

Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Jerry Koenig Beth Smoots McClanahan Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff

Paul Nelson Tim Sandvoss

Marge Sanger

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb

Pat Scala

Carl Schalk

Ron Serpico

Madison Staples

Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Maxwell)

Denny McClerren (cousin of Stephanie Wilkening)

Mary Jo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler)

Christopher Miller (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska)

Jean Miller (friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin)

Don Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp)

Monika Nash (daughter of Don and Verna Offermann)

Joan Nelson (mother of Julie Modrich)

Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Rosie Parker (mother of Cameron Parker)

Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt)

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Lee Pullin (niece of Bill & Ellen Pullin)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)

Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack)

Linda Schroeder (aunt of Anne-Marie Bogdan)

John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma)

Lindsay Shaner (brother of Bob Shaner)

Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner)

Ken and Lori Shoup (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Teresa Smith (cousin of Marilyn Heppner)

Ruth Soppet (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska)

Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten)

Lee Stephens (brother of Tony)

Jennifer Sylvester (daughter of Janet Sylvester)

Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone)

Ilene Thompson (sister of Marilyn Heppner)

Donald Tremper (brother of Virginia Walker)

Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Brian Walden (relative of Pat Gulik)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Sonja Wandro (sister of Al Swanson)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Kathie Wolff (friend of Tim Duoma)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

#### Benevolence ministries

Harmony Community Church Food Pantry

#### Those who celebrate

The installation of The Rev. Troy Medlin

#### Those who mourn

Kathi Parisi (friend of Debbie Conley)

# Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)
Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)
Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)
David Danford (son of John and Karen)
E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)

Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz) Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)

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# Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

# Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

#### Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Marian Hogue Christopher Davis Carolyn Martin Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

# Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oregon Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

#### Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
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