

GRACE

The Holy Trinity May 30, 2021 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.

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

Isaiah, brought into God's holy presence, is terrified. Nicodemus, in the presence of Jesus, doesn't understand what's happening. We, like the Romans to whom Paul writes, feel cast aside, orphaned. The surprise ending in each of our readings today is that God is a God *for us*. In the mystery of God's love for us, we see the full majesty of God at work in the Christ who is lifted up on the cross. Through him, we are cleansed, invited into the heavenly throne room not as guests but as newborn children of God, born of the Spirit to experience communion with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Sonata in E minor, BWV 1023 Preludio – Adagio ma non tanto Johann Sebastian Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy (green) LBW #165 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly, Lord God Al - might - y! 1 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly! All the saints a - dore thee, Though the dark-ness hide 3 Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho ly! thee, God Al - might - y! 4 Ho - ly, ho Lord ho - ly, ly! 0 Ear ly the morn ing our song shall rise thee. in to cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea: though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see, All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ο mer - ci - ful and might - y! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly, fall - ing down be - fore cher-u - bim and ser - a - phim thee, is none be - side on - ly thou art there thee, ho ly; Ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y! ho ly,



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Apostolic Greeting

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

The Kyrie is sung by the choir. **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: All Glory Be to God on High



Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, arr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c.1550

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

G Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

PSALM 29

ANTIPHON: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

- Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,* ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.
- Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;*
 worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;* the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.
- The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;*
 the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.
- L The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;* the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,*
 and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;* the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- The voice of the Lord makes the | oak trees writhe* and strips the | forests bare.
- And in the temple | of the Lord* all are | crying, "Glory!"
- The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*
 the Lord sits enthroned as | king forevermore.
- L The Lord shall give strength | to his people;* the Lord shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

GOSPEL VERSE: Isaiah 6:3

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

▶ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: How Can These Things Be?

Pastor David R. Lyle John 3:1–17; Isaiah 6:1–8 HYMN OF THE DAY: God Loved the World



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY

Janel Dennen

OFFERING/ANTHEM: Lechu neranena l'Adonai (Come, Let us Sing to the Lord)

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace. <u>Click here</u> to give online, or visit <u>GraceRiverForest.org</u>.

Lechu neranenah l'Adonai; nariah letzur yishenu.

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
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.
Psalm 95:1-7a

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

- May God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk in newness of life.
 Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Holy God, We Praise Your Name

(green) **LBW #535**





Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL

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

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor Members of the Grace Parish Choir François Henkins, violinist Jean Hatmaker, cellist Jeremy Zimmer, pianist Eunice Eifert, videographer Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

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For those who mourn

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The baptism of Huxley Martin Kutak (son of Alyssa and Ryan Kutak, grandson of Galen Gockel)

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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