

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 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.

## 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

Things have gone wrong in the vineyard. In spite of care both meticulous and loving, the grapes have run wild. Instead of a crop of justice and righteousness, the harvest has been bloodshed. In Jesus' telling, the blood that is shed belongs to the landowner's son. The religious leaders listening to Jesus' parable fall into his trap; the tenants deserve punishment, even death. We, too, are convicted. We have failed to faithfully steward the precious vineyard in which God has placed us. Violence and suffering are the bitter wine pressed from our wild grapes. Jesus changes the narrative, however. The Son's death leads not to retributive measures but to grace, a new world built on the rejected cornerstone. The Son who was dead now lives. In him, we can finally grow aright.

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord Robert J. Powell

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C 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 confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.



- vo ca tion, Lord, when once we heed your call How clear is our
- But if. for - get - ful. we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- what you give us, Lord, to In do, to - geth - er a - lone.



live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored, to world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name, old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look in you,



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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.
- **G** And also with you.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**: Glory to God in the Highest



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## **P** Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## C Amen.



## + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1–7

Let me sing for my beloved

my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,

but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,

why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,

and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,

and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts

is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,

but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,

but heard a cry!

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

#### PSALM 80:7-15

ANTIPHON: Look down from heaven, O Lord; behold and tend this vine. John W. Becker

- Restore us, O | God of hosts;\* show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
- You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;\* you cast out the nations and | planted it.
- L You prepared the | ground for it;\* it took root and | filled the land.
- **②** The mountains were covered | by its shadow\* and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
- You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea\* and its branches | to the river.
- **②** Why have you broken | down its wall,\* so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
- L The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,\* and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and | tend this vine;\* preserve what your right | hand has planted.

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:]<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

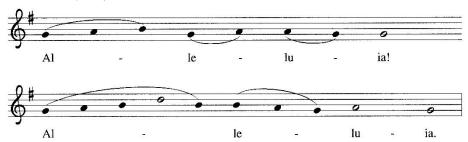
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL VERSE: John 15:16 Carl F. Schalk

L Alleluia.

## **G** REFRAIN (below)



L Jesus says, I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last.

#### **G** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33–46

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

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON**: The Grapes of Grace

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 21:33–46; Isaiah 5:1–7



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#### APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

ANTHEM: Duet from Cantata No. 93

Johann Sebastian Bach

Er kennt die rechten Freudesstunden,

He knows the right hours of joy,

Er weiß wohl, wenn es nützlich sei;

He knows well, when it is useful;

Wenn er uns nur hat treu erfunden

If he only has found us faithful

Und merket keine Heuchelei,

And notices no hypocrisy,

So kömmt Gott, eh wir uns versehn,

Then God will come, before we err,

Und lässet uns viel Guts geschehn.

And allow much good to happen to us.

Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. Karen P. Danford

#### 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.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, early American

#### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: If You but Trust in God to Guide You

Michael D. Costello

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
David Kluge, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Katrina Beck and Sadie Beck, soloists
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## LET US PRAY...

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Dennis Forgue

Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Ruth Barker

Marilyn Gotsch Carl and Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Anne-Marie Bogdan Kathy Hale Ed Borg Kathy Hayes Hans Dumpys Ken Heppner Ken Folgers Patricia Herendeen

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Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz) Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Elvis Burleson (son-in-law of Tina Moore)

Mark Carter (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

John Cattau (nephew of Dan Cattau)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack)

Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)

Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein)

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Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)

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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)

Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran) Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb

Mary Jo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler)

Don and John Moehlenkamp (brothers of Marilyn Moehlenkamp) Robert Neer (nephew of Roberta Gillespie and Margaret Kruse)

Joan Nelson (mother of Julie Modrich)

Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Kathi Parisi (friend of Debbie Conley)

Rosie Parker (mother of Cameron Parker)

James Pawlowski (brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples)

Becky Peterson (friend of Jennifer Staples)

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

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

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

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson) Bonnie Robinson (friend of Julie Hinz) Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

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

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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)

Robert West (friend of John and Carol Stanger) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

#### Benevolence ministries

Lutheran School of Theology Chicago

#### For those who mourn

Walter W. Whisler (former member of Grace)

## 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)
Brent Knop (great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing)

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)
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)

## Those in the foreign service

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

## Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

#### Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Marian Hogue

Christopher Davis Walt and 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

#### 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.

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  - Sunday Is Coming.
- □ I would like one of the pastors to contact me
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