

GRACE

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 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

The flowers are sponsored by Diane Amati in grateful thanks to God for the 25th anniversary of her membership at Grace.

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 are speeding up now. By this point in the story, Jesus' proclamation of love and forgiveness has angered pretty much everyone. It's even brought together the Pharisees and the Herodians, two groups that were in direct opposition to one another over the issue of Roman occupation. Jesus is a threat to them both, so they try to trap him with their famous question about taxes. Will Jesus offend the emperor or anger the crowds? Neither. Jesus acknowledges that we live in a world of empires; we can't simply opt out of them. But Caesar can only mark coins. We are more powerfully marked than that. Redeemed by Christ, we might not be able to opt out of empires, but we can change them from within.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Keith Kolander

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- C Amen.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.



Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1560–1615

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him ---and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 96

ANTIPHON: Ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

L Sing to the Lord | a new song;* sing to the Lord, all | the whole earth. • Sing to the Lord and | bless his name;* proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day. L Declare his glory a- | mong the nations* and his wonders a- | mong all peoples. G For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised;* he is more to be feared | than all gods. L As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;* but it is the Lord who | made the heavens. **C** Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!* Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary! L Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples;* ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power. • Ascribe to the Lord the honor | due his name;* bring offerings and come in- | to his courts. L Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;* let the whole earth trem- | ble before him. **C** Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!* He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peo- | ples with equity." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all | that is in it;* let the field be joyful and all that | is therein. **C** Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord | when he comes,* when he comes to | judge the earth. L He will judge the | world with righteousness* and the peoples | with his truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L The Word of the Lord.

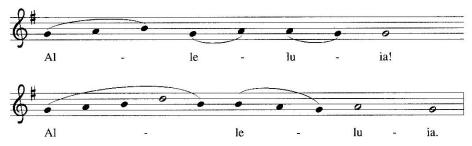
C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 2:15, 16

Carl F. Schalk



G REFRAIN (below)



- Shine like stars in the world; holding fast to the word of life
- **G** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15–22

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Whose Image?

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 22:15–22



HYMN OF THE DAY: O God of Every Nation



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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: So Art Thou to Me

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm, as the keep unto its castle, as the pilot to the helm, so art thou, dear Lord, to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark, as the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark, so art thou, dear Lord, to me. As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal, as the medicine to the fainting, as the wine cup at the meal, so art thou, dear Lord, to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb, as the light within the lantern, as the father in the home, as the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass, as the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew upon the grass, so art thou, dear Lord, to me.

John Tauler, 1300-61; tr. Emma F. Bevan, 1858

K. Lee Scott

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

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



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LYONS, Johann M, Haydn, 1737–1806, adapt.

DISMISSAL

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

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister Rich Schubkegel, assisting minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist Sarah Beatty, soprano Eunice Eifert, videographer Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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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 **Rich Fischer** Dennis Forgue Marilyn Gotsch Carl and Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Kathy Hale Kathy Hale Kathy Hayes Ken Heppner Patricia Herendeen

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) Diego Bonilla (relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) 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) 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) Ryan Hall (nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns) 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) Mary Jane Kuehnert (friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening) 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) Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran) Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell)

Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig Paul Lochner Beth Smoots McClanahan Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Paul Nelson Tim Sandvoss Marge Sanger Pat Scala Carl Schalk Madison Staples Rich and Bonnie Stasack

MaryJo Meyer (aunt of Brooke Schedler) Jean Miller (friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin) 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) **Dorothy Pollett** (friend of Pat Gulik) 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) 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) 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) Helen Tuck (aunt of Karin Danganan) 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) Janice Wilson (cousin of Bob Jandeska) Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz) 15 Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik) Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher) Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Navajo Lutheran Mission

For those who mourn

Walter Martin Jonathan Chilton (son of Jayne Chilton) Dean Gesme (father of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen) Bob Tuck (uncle of Karin Danganan)

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 (consin of Rhea Sprecher)

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

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.

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- **I** am interested in a path toward membership.
- I would like to know more about Grace School.
- □ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail, Sunday Is Coming.
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