

GRACE

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 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

Today, as the clock runs out on Jesus' life and ministry, the parables of judgment continue. It is a judgment, however, wrapped in generosity. About to embark on a long journey, a man entrusts his servants with different, but all extravagant, sums of money. Two servants are bold and faithful. The third is not. The two are invited into the joy of the master. The third is very much not. To all those who have, more will be given. In baptism, this is us! We have Jesus and the promises of his gospel. But make no mistake, Jesus is not far off. He is coming, and he expects to find that we have been at work for the sake of the Kingdom. You have been given the abundance of God. Why bury it in the ground? We worship the God of resurrection; there's no time to hide gifts in tombs or under the soil any longer.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Corrente

Arcangelo Corelli arr. Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

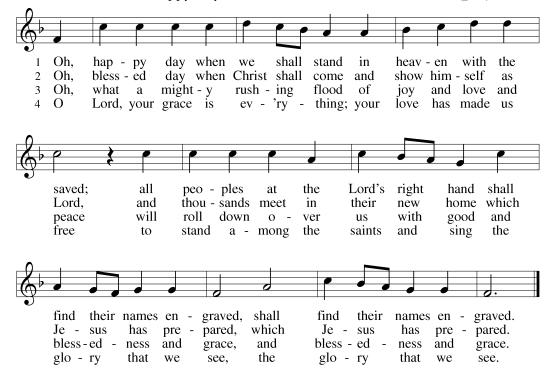
■ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



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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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.



+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90: 1-12

ANTIPHON: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

- Lord, you have | been our refuge* from one generation | to another.
- Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,* from age to age | you are God.
- You turn us back to the | dust and say,* "Go back, O | child of earth."
- For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past* and like a watch | in the night.
- You sweep us away | like a dream;* we fade away suddenly | like the grass.
- In the morning it is | green and flourishes;*
 in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
- For we consume away in | your displeasure;* we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.
- Our iniquities you have | set before you,*
 and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
- When you are angry, all our | days are gone;* we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;* yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
- L Who regards the power | of your wrath?* Who rightly fears your | indignation?
- ☑ So teach us to num- | ber our days,* that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Carl F. Schalk GOSPEL VERSE: John 15: 4-5 Alleluia. L **REFRAIN** (below) С 0 le lu ia! Al 0 le lu Al ia.

- Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit.
- **C** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saving, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24'Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Stewards of Abundance

Pastor Dave Lyle Matthew 25:14–30 HYMN OF THE DAY: O Christ the Same

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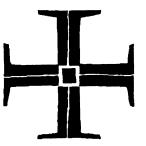
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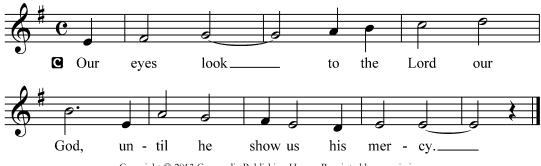
- **P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



ANTHEM: Our Eyes Look to the Lord Our God (Psalm 123) Setting by Michael D. Costello The Antiphon is sung once through by the soloist; we join in singing each time thereafter.



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To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

G ANTIPHON

- Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and the derision of the proud. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
- **C** ANTIPHON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

• 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 +

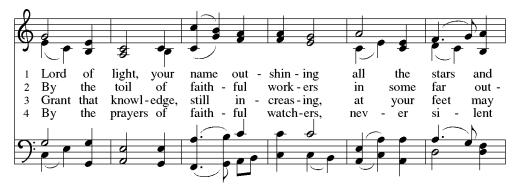
BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lord of Light

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Entrée

Jean-Baptiste Lully arr. Charles Callahan

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist Gwen Gotsch, soprano Christine Janzow Phillips, oboe Al Swanson, videographer Justin Martin, 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 Marilyn Gotsch Carl and Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Kathy Hayes 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) Diego Bonilla (relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) Mike and Beth Bullock (parents of Keith Bullock) Elvis Burleson (son-in-law of Tina Moore) Mark Carter (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) 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) 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) Jim Maggio (brother of Joe Maggio) Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran) Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell) Denny McClerren (cousin of Stephanie Wilkening)

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Benevolence ministries

Housing Forward

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)

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.

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