

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.

Altar Flowers

The mum plants in the chancel are given in loving memory of Walter, Maxine, and Nancy Christopher, by their family.



+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Come, You Thankful People, Come

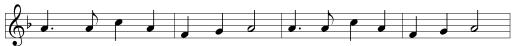
Jeremy Zimmer

We stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, You Thankful People, Come

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Concertato by Michael D. Costello



- 1 Come, you thank-ful peo ple, come; raise the song of har vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un to his praise to yield.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har vest home;
- 4 E ven so, Lord, quick ly come to your fi nal har vest home.



All safe - ly gath - ered in the win - ter storms be - gin. ere Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, sor - row grown. un - to joy or from his field shall in that day of - fens - es purge a - way, all your peo - ple in, Gath - er free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro-vide sup-plied. for our wants to be First the blade, and then the ear. then the full corn shall ap - pear. the fire the tares to cast, give his an - gels charge at last in there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, a - bide. in your gar - ner to



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home. Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be. but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more. Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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: Glory to God

Setting by Richard Hillert

We sing the Refrain as printed below; the soloists sing the verses.





Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

G REFRAIN

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

G REFRAIN

□ For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

G REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

ANTHEM: Harvest Gold David Cherwien

Mysterious, marvelous God, Soul of the shifting seasons: Wonders and Word proclaim you, Harvest and fruit reveal you;

Your love, O God, waters the ground; Your truth, O God, opens the grain; Your wisdom, God, radiates with warmth;

Your wisdom, God, radiates with warmth;
Your beauty, God, lifts into light.
So earth and heart bring forth harvest,
Harvest of deeds and of lives,
Harvest of wonder and Word.
May it be so, Amen.
Susan Palo Cherwien
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+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7–18

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

PSALM 65

ANTIPHON: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

Anne Krentz Organ

- L You are to be praised O | God, in Zion;* to you shall vows be performed | in Jerusalem.
- **☑** To you that hear prayer shall | all flesh come,* because of | their transgressions.
- © Our sins are stron- | ger than we are,* but you will | blot them out.
- Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!*
 They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
 by the holiness | of your temple.
- L Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness O God of | our salvation,* O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are | far away.
- You make fast the mountains | by your power;* they are girded | about with might.
- You still the roaring | of the seas,*
 the roaring of their waves and the clamor | of the peoples.
- Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;* you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.
- Let You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous;* the river of God is | full of water.
- **Q** You pre- | pare the grain,* for so you provide | for the earth.
- L You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;* with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.
- **2** You crown the year | with your goodness,* and your paths over- | flow with plenty.
- May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,* and the hills be | clothed with joy.
- May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;* let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 2 Corinthians 9:8

Richard Hillert

Alleluia. God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Dave Lyle Luke 17:11–19



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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

On this Thanksgiving Day,

we worship as the children of God

to give thanks for all the gifts God has provided for us.

Above all, we give thanks for God's gracious call to each of us in holy baptism.

We affirm our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

and receive a reminder of our baptism into Christ.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we thank you for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called us to yourself,

enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished us in the community of faith.

Uphold us in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- **G** I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- **G** I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- **Q** I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- **☑** 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.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
- P You have made public profession of your faith.

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

- **☑** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
- **Q** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
- **P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

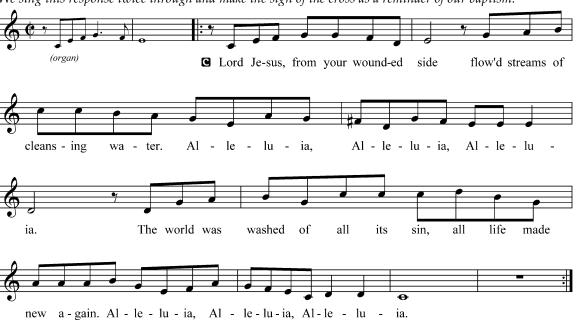
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.



We sing this response twice through and make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

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

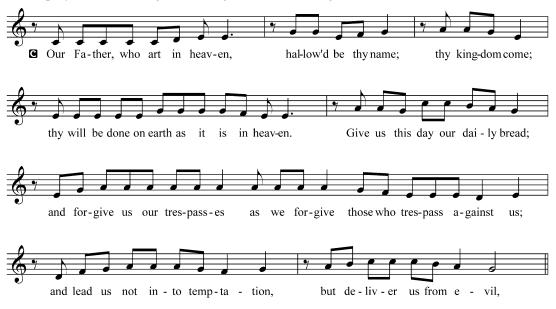
The prayers conclude:

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



LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.



P Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

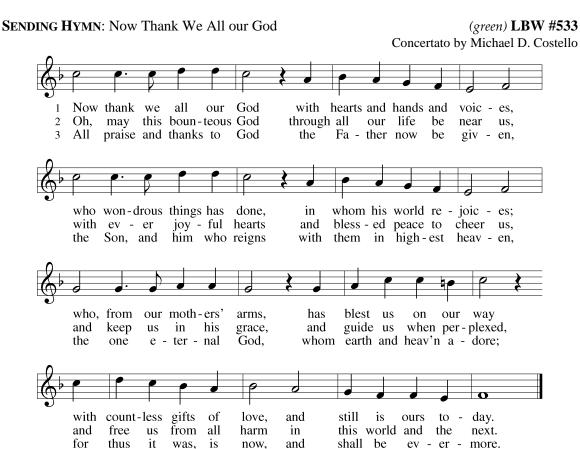


+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Marche Triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59

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