Worship Folder



Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Grace Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.) (the assembly stands as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Reconciling God,
- C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
- P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

GATHERING HYMN "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(the assembly stands as you are able)

GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

P: Lord have mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY Unison

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Response after first and second reading)

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Psalm 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(the assembly stands as you are able)

All: Alleluia. The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Alleluia. (Mark 1:15)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 9:35—10:8

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they

were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(the assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Spirit of Life"

(the assembly stands as you are able)

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

(the assembly may be seated)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)

- P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,
- C: all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

REFLECTION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

P: Let us pray...O God,

C: In this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

(the assembly may be seated)

SENDING HYMN

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

<u>Prayer Concerns</u>: We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Jeanette Grove, given by her family.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Children's Program at First Congregational UCC.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN LIMITED HOURS

The church office will be open limited hours for the next few weeks. The office will be open, Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

GRADUATES

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the Church Office know. We would like to include this information in an upcoming bulletin. Please include the following information: name, where graduating from, degree, future plans, and any other information you would like to share. Please also send the office a picture of the graduate if possible (we will include these with a graduation announcement on our website). Pictures may be emailed to officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org.

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – CHRIST IN OUR HOME

If you did not have the chance to pick your copy of *Christ in Our Home* daily devotional booklet, please let us know. Call or email and we will get a copy out to you. And as many have done if you have shared them with family, friends and neighbors in the past, we will mail them one also.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What do you do to make yourself happy? Yale University has an online course "The Science of Well-Being," More than 500,000 have enrolled since April 1 making it the most popular course in the university's 316-year history. On campus, the course is titled "Psychology and the Good Life," aka "The Happiness Course." Lets talk about how we keep joy and happiness in our lives when so much negativity and challenges abound right. If you are interested in joining us and didn't ge the Zoom info, call the church or email the pastor and you will be sent the info so you can be part of of our virtual class experience at 11 am Sunday morning.

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week. Please let others, family, friends and church members know about this. We hope these recorded services are meaningful. *MANY PEOPLE ARE WATCHING* From May 17th 116, from May 24th 133, from May 31st 102, and from June 7th 72 views so far. It is GOD'S WORD and it needs to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

MISSION TRIP POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 - COLLECTING BOTTLES/CANS

A special thank you to Grace members and friends who continue to support our community mission trips. Due to Covid we canceled all fundraising this spring which led us to postpone our trip until June 2021. We are continuing to raise funds over the next year with the hope we will be able to have a trip next year.

With that said, we hope you would consider donating your cans/bottles that have been accumulating at your home over the last several months to our 2021 mission trip fund. You can bring your returnable to Grace starting on June 13.

Thank you, Vicki, Staci & Marsha Mission Trip Leaders

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

While we wait to open our building to fellowship time, we want to try something new and different.

Have fellowship online with other church members. There is a computer platform called Zoom that you have probably heard about. We are using it for Council meetings and the Adult Christian Education class as are many other businesses and organizations and even families and friends to keep in touch, seeing and talking with each other.

You can use Zoom through your computer or laptop or smart phone or tablet.

Go to zoom.us to sign up

You will download the software to your device

There is a place to do a test meeting on your computer making sure it is working properly and you understand the couple of things you have to do.

It is really quite simply and works very easily. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church and leave a message. I or someone will get back with you and help you set it up.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget Weekly giving - June 7

\$ 4,415.00 4,772.75

This week we received:

15 envelopes and 3 new Give+ payments made from our website

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