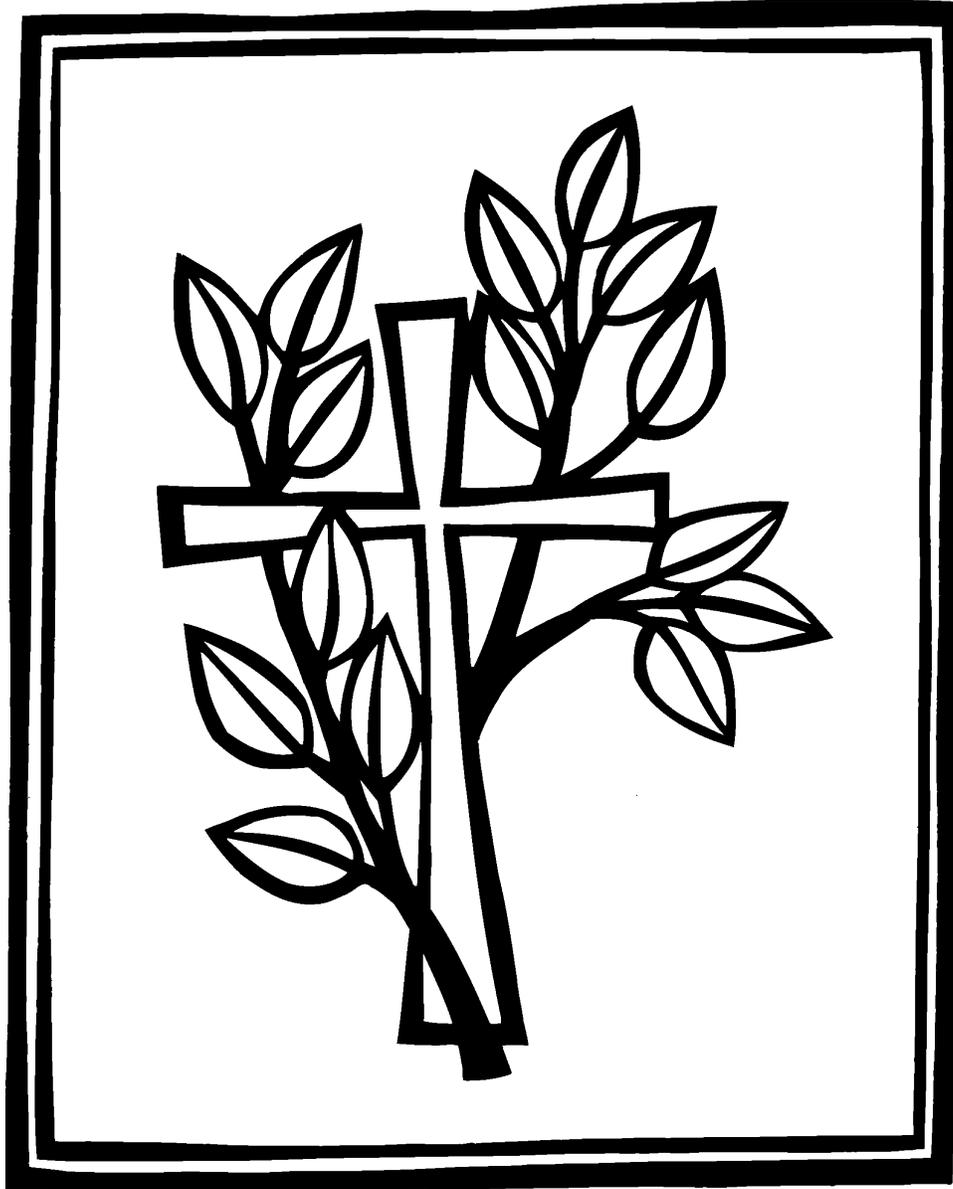


Grace Lutheran Church
Pentecost 13
August 30, 2020



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church Online!

We are glad to have you worship with us and we invite you to join us any time on our YouTube channel or on Facebook. The following pages contain the order of worship for this date. Hymns are at the end.

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Pentecost 13

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Congregation responses are in **BOLD**

Prelude

"Aubade" - Mansfield

Joys, Concerns and Blessing

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

Reconciling God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ELW 810

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music - Bill Konek

"You Are Mine"

First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my

mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Response at the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Drennan

Apostles' 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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.**

Sending Song

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Rondeau Recessional" - Lasky

Thank you to the volunteers who helped make this worship service special:
Bill Konek (Lector and Special Music)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Community Meal The next Free Community Meal Drive-thru will be September 11 from 5 to 7 pm. The menu will include Shepherd's pie, salad, and dessert. Keep an eye out for the Sign-Up Genius link if you can volunteer to help.

Outdoor In-Person Fellowship If you feel ready to do some socially-distanced fellowship, the Parish Life Committee invites you to come out to the Grace Lutheran parking lot on **Saturday, September 26/rain date Sunday September 27 at 6 pm**. Bring a chair, a beverage, and wear your mask. We will have a few snacks (cookies, muffins) to enjoy. Depending on the interest and turnout, we want to do this monthly on the last Saturday of the month (rain date Sunday) while weather permits.

Daybreak Drop-in Center (a ministry of the Lehigh Conference of Churches)

Covid-19 has impacted the program's ability to provide meals and other regular programming. They currently need donations of two kinds:

1) Individually wrapped food items that you would pack in a "to go" bag - any kind of snacks, chips, cookies, protein bars, drinks or dessert would be welcomed.

2) Art supplies - items such as individual packs of markers, glitter/gel pens, glue sticks, water color paints, construction paper, tissue paper and acrylic paint.

If you would like to help the clients at Daybreak, please drop off your donations at the church office between 10 am – 1 pm Monday thru Friday, and place them in the Chapel in the box labeled "Daybreak." Thank you! Thanks also to Bill Konek for delivering your donations to Dubbs Memorial Allentown, where this ministry is located.

Sunday School In a continuing effort to keep all of us safe from Covid-19, our leadership has decided that it would be best NOT to open Sunday School in September. We will monitor the situation as it unfolds and determine a time when it will be safe to bring our children and teachers back for class. Until then, please take care and stay safe.

Upper Room Devotionals for September are available while supplies last. If you would like one, please call the church office. We can arrange for you to stop by and pick one up or, if you prefer, you can request one be mailed to you. We can always use the encouragement found in the scriptures, in good times and bad.

Marriage Encounter Weekend Goes Virtual Because of the pandemic, the September 18-20 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will now be held online using Zoom video conferencing. Because there is no longer a charge for room and board, your total cost is now only \$100 per couple. You provide a quiet spot with minimal distractions, a good internet connection, and a computer or laptop suitable for video conferencing (if you have children at home, it is highly recommended they stay with friends or relatives during this time). The Weekend begins at 8 pm Friday night and ends at approximately 3 pm on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, find the September 18-20 Virtual Weekend, fill out the form, and pay online with a credit card or print the form and mail with a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter Fred and Julie Chamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

If you are hospitalized ... Please have a family member call Pastor Samantha or the church office to let us know which hospital you are at, and the room number. If you have an operation or other procedure scheduled ahead of time, let us know prior to your stay. Although we call daily to check for names under Grace Lutheran's hospital code (237), the best way for us to find out so Pastor can visit you is to let us know directly.

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
 pray'r in you and you in me?
 mean in you and you in me?
 sound in you and you in me?
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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