

*Grace Lutheran Church*  
*Pentecost 7*  
*July 19, 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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## *Sunday, July 19, 2020*

Congregational responses are in **BOLD**

### **Prelude**

"Aria" - Franck

### **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 Hymn**

**ELW 597**

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

### **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. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Special Music** - Nick Cannone, Viola

*Viola Concerto (2nd Movement)* - Hoffmeister

### **First Reading** **Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

### **Second Reading** **Romans 8:12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are

children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

### **Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*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 Hymn

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

**ELW 693**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord" - Williams*

Much appreciation to today's worship leaders: Nick Cannone for special music, and to Alice Mudge (Holy Spirit, Emmaus) for camera work and video production.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vacation Bible School Update** Because of the uncertainty associated with the Covid-19 virus, we have decided not to bring our children, staff and parents out for "Rocky Railroad - Jesus Power Pulls Us Through" VBS in August. We look forward to the "Train" arriving in 2021 at the Grace Depot, as we gather again safely for a week of fun and learning. Until we can get together again, take care and enjoy your summer!

**Sunday School Update** In a continuing effort to keep all of us safe from Covid-19, leadership at Grace Lutheran has decided not to re-open Sunday School in September. We will monitor the situation as it unfolds and re-open the education wing when it is safe to bring children and teachers back for classes. We are all sorry, because we enjoy seeing and hearing the enthusiasm our children bring as the staff leads them in different learning activities. Until we come back, please take care and stay safe as you enjoy the rest of your Summer.

**Gracious Seniors Update** Sorry Seniors, but our August Gracious Seniors Luncheon and program scheduled for August 19 will be canceled. I have contacted the speaker Rev. Tom Kochenderfer and asked him if we can reschedule his impersonation of Rev. Henry Muhlenberg, the first Lutheran Pastor in America, for August 18, 2021. I know we were all looking forward to his presentation, but we'll have to wait another year. As they say, "All good things take time."

**Grace Food Cupboard** Grace has added a new outreach ministry: giving out non-perishable food items on the last Friday of each month. Distribution will take place at tables under a tent in the Grace Lutheran rear parking lot, where people can come and select the food they need. Our first Grace Food Cupboard Distribution was June 26; our next will be **Friday July 31, 2020, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm**. Here is how you may help this new outreach:

1) Donate food: you may drop off canned and dry goods at the church office any time between 10 am – 1 pm Monday thru Friday. **PLEASE, NO OUTDATED FOOD!** Put donations into the cart in the chapel to avoid being mixed up with the food in the vestibule, which has already been sorted.

2) Sign up to take a shift working at the event: set up, distribution, or clean-up. You may sign up for shifts for the July 31 date at this link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044baaab28a0f49-food](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044baaab28a0f49-food). Thank you!

**Upper Room Devotionals** for July/August are now 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. In these uncertain times, we can all use the encouragement found in the scriptures.

**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.

## **LINKS**

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## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I  
3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye 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 thy fi-nal har-vest home.



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



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



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 thine 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