

Grace Lutheran Church
Pentecost 5
July 5, 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 5, 2020

Congregational responses are in **BOLD**

Prelude

"One Nation, Under God" - Smith

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

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

ELW 876

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. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music - Steve Ziminsky

"Patriotic Medley"

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

ELW 404

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Acclamation" - Leatherman

Thank you to Steve Ziminsky for special music today. Thank you to Alice Mudge (Holy Spirit, Emmaus) for technical assistance.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outdoor Food Pantry Grace is partnering with the Zionsville Area Food Pantry on a new outreach, a Food Pantry Annex. Distribution will take place at tables under a tent in the Grace parking lot on the last Friday of each month, when people can come and select the food they need. Our first Grace Food Pantry Distribution was June 26; our next will be **Friday July 31, 2020**. 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) As before, you can continue to support the Zionsville Area Food Bank directly with your generous contributions. Send them to: Zionsville Area Food Pantry, PO Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068. Thank you!

Free Community Meal As reported in the July newsletter, the Grace Free Community Meal will return this month on July 10, from 5 to 7 pm, as a drive-up or walk-up meal. July's menu will be hoagies (turkey or ham), chips, fruit cup, and a brownie. We are asking for volunteers to make the hoagies, pack up individual meals, and to bake and deliver individually-wrapped brownies. Please sign up for one or more of these volunteer slots at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BAAAB28A0F49-free> Thank you as always for your support!

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.

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 Needs You! The Sunday School Staff will need a teacher and an aide to cover either the pre-K to K Class or the 3rd and 4th Grade Class in September. We will be replacing Babette and Max Williams who will be retiring from our Staff after many years of service. Our classes will be using the Spark learning materials from Augsburg Fortress. Prayerfully consider if you could help us fill in the spot. Respond to Sandy Schantz at 610-966-3145 or sschantz1@ptd.net or the church office.

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GraceMacungie/

YouTube: youtube.com/c/GraceLutheranChurchMacungiePA

Web: www.gracemacungie.org

Let the Whole Creation Cry



- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINES, German folk tune, 15th cent.