

*Grace Lutheran Church*  
*Pentecost 3*  
*June 21, 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 3*

## *Sunday, June 21, 2020*

**Congregational responses are in bold type**

**Prelude**

*"This Is My Father's World" - Hegarty*

**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 661**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

**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. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Special Music** - Phil and Sarah Mohr *"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"* - Beethoven

### **First Reading      Jeremiah 20:7-13**

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

### **Second Reading      Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### **Gospel   Matthew 10:24-39**

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

Jesus said to the twelve: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

**Children's Message**

Pastor Drennan

**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**

**ELW 812**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*"Fanfare" - Wirsz*

Thank you to Phil and Sarah Mohr for our special music today. Thank you to Alice Mudge (Holy Spirit, Emmaus) for technical assistance.

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## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers	The People of Grace Church
Pastor	The Rev. Samantha Drennan
Organist/Choir Director	Steve Ziminsky
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Outdoor Food Pantry** Grace is partnering with the Zionsville Area Food Pantry on a new outreach. We will first collect "pick" food items that they are not able to use with their new drive-up distribution process. We will then set up tables in our Parking Lot on the last Friday of each month where people can come and select the food they need. Our first Grace Food Pantry Distribution will be **June 26, 2020**. With that said, there will be opportunities for you to contribute to this new outreach endeavor:

- You can now begin to donate canned and dry goods again. Instead of waiting for the first Sunday of the month, drop off canned and dry goods at the church office any time between 10 am – 1 pm Monday thru Friday. **PLEASE, NO OUTDATED FOOD!**
- You can help organize and put away the food that is donated.
- On last Fridays, we will need people to set up food on the tables, and oversee the tables while the people are selecting their food.
- As before, you can continue to support the Zionsville Area Food Bank directly with your generous contributions. Send them to: Zion's Lutheran Church, 5901 Kings Hwy South, Old Zionsville, PA 18068 c/o Food Pantry

We are blessed with so many volunteers and supporters in our congregation. We are looking forward to another successful Outreach Program! Thank you so much!!!

**Status of Building Re-opening at Grace Lutheran Church** At our June Church Council teleconference, we discussed all the elements that would need to be considered before a safe re-opening of the building for worship. Needless to say, there are many. So that we may do things in a thought-out and orderly fashion, a building re-opening task force has formed consisting of Grace staff, council members, and members of the Worship and Music Committee. The Task Force has read the ELCA document "Resuming Care-filled Worship and Sacramental Life During a Pandemic." They are now meeting via Zoom to discuss ways in which those recommendations apply to the building and worshipping community we have here, and will come up with an action plan for Grace.

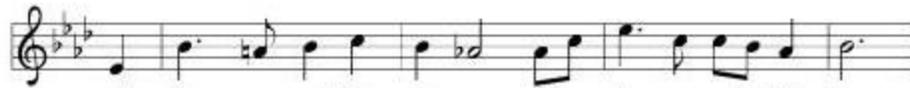
*Please note, we do NOT have a date certain set for the opening.* There are many factors to consider, and as we saw at the beginning of the pandemic, this is a situation that can rapidly change. We feel it would be unadvisable to declare a definite date at this point. Rest assured, we want to re-open the building and we will. But we will do it in a way that takes into consideration the overall health and well-being of the entire church body. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Samantha or Council President Phil Mohr.

As we always say, the building may be closed, but the Church is never closed. God bless you, and stay safe!

## I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word,  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,



*Refrain*

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain