

Grace Lutheran Church
Pentecost 4
June 28, 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, June 28, 2020

Congregational responses are in bold type

Prelude

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - Kim

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 453

"Baptized and Set Free"

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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music - Sandy Schantz

"For the Beauty of the Earth" - Kocher

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (sung)

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.' "

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

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 848

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"- Lau

Thank you to Sandy Schantz for special music and being lector 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:

- 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.
- 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: Zionsville Area Food Pantry, PO Box 56, Old Zionsville, PA 18068. Thank you!

Status of In-Person Worship at Grace Lutheran Church As we prepare the July print newsletter for mailing, it appears that Lehigh County is close to moving into the "green" phase of the re-opening protocol in Pennsylvania. At Grace, a committee has formed and begun meeting and planning about what steps should be taken at Grace to prepare us for in-person worship. You can read more about this in President Phil Mohr's July letter in the print edition of Grace Notes. Please also read the letter from Mary Schaeffer, Chair of the Outreach and Social Concerns Committee, about new and expanding ministries taking place at this time (and keep an eye out for future updates about how you can help).

GOD IS GREAT – ALL THE TIME!

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

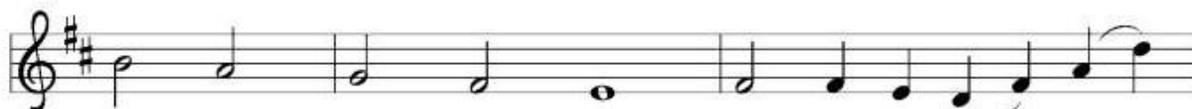
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Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

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