

Grace Lutheran Church
Pentecost 14
September 6, 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, September 6, 2020

Congregation responses are in **BOLD**

Prelude

"The Call" - Wagner

Joys, Concerns and Blessing

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW 864

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music - Macy and Marissa

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" - Miller

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?"

Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

**34 Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

35 Lead me in the path of | your commandments, for that is | my desire.

**36 Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

37 Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood; give me
life | in your way.

**38 Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

39 Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

**40 Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R**

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said to the disciples: "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Mothering God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW 836

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Come, Labor On" - Ashdown

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make this worship service special:

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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 chocolate chip cookies. If you would like to help bake, cook, assemble or distribute meals, please sign up for a help slot at this link: www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044baaab28a0f49-free2

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 at 6 pm (rain date Sunday September 27)** for an hour or so of conversation and catching up in person. Bring a chair, a beverage, and please wear your mask. There will be a few snacks to enjoy as well. At the August meet-up, 26 people enjoyed each other's company, and we hope to see even more of you next time!

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.

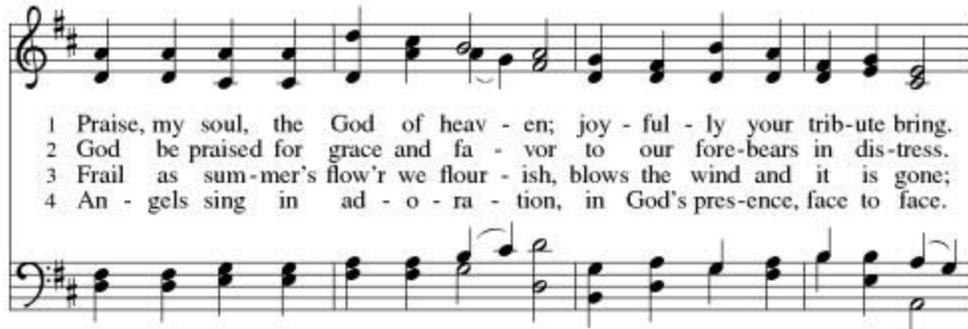
Sunday School In a continuing effort to keep all of us safe from Covid-19, our leadership has decided that it would be best NOT to open Sunday School in September. We will monitor the situation as it unfolds and determine a time when it will be safe to bring our children and teachers back for class.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

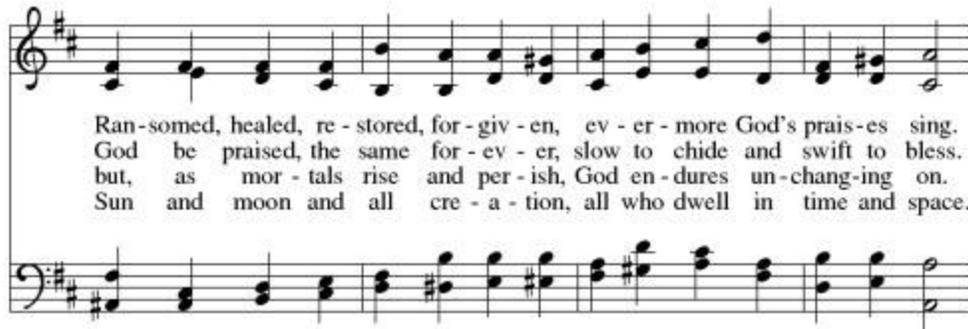
Marriage Encounter Weekend Goes Virtual Because of the pandemic, the September 18-20 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will now be held online using Zoom video conferencing. Because there is no longer a charge for room and board, your total cost is now only \$100 per couple. You provide a quiet spot 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.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bourman, 1927–2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.