

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 28, 2020, 10AM Sunday Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Sharing Christ's love through **forgiveness, faith, and fellowship.**

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

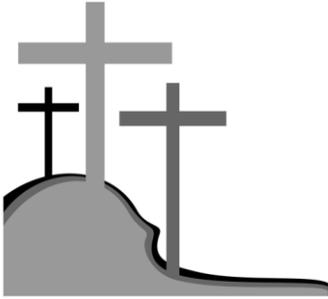
Our first source of worship comes from the Bible. We use the 1984 NIV version, as found in the pews. Our worship comes from the Lutheran Service Book of 2006, usually Divine Service One or Divine Service Three. The second and fourth Sundays of the month we use Creative Worship, which follows the pattern of our worship services, yet with fresh words for today's culture. If you have any questions about our worship, ask Pastor Anderson! He will gladly answer any and all questions, or find the answer for you.

AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP TODAY. . .

Do you have a prayer request? Fill out a prayer request card, or ask an Elder or usher for one. Pastor will gladly include your request in the prayers of the church.

Do you have any questions? Please let our Pastor or elder answer them for you.

Do you have a need for ministry? Please let us know! We may be a small church but we have big hearts.



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Worship 10:00AM

“I was glad when they said to me, “Come, let us worship in the house of the Lord” (Psalm 122:1)

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24, ESV).

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As God’s children, we are gathered together as a family of believers, knowing that we are not as loving and faithful as He is. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have been made right by His life-giving sacrifice.

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

CREATIVE WORSHIP

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who
could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are
feared.

Pastor: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful
condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us
employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious
heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 89:15-18; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

People: who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

Pastor: who exult in Your name all the day

People: and in Your righteousness are exalted.

Pastor: For You are the glory of their strength;

People: by Your favor our horn is exalted.

Pastor: For our shield belongs to the LORD,

People: our king to the Holy One of Israel.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Pastor I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN OF PRAISE **The Venite** (*p.220 in hymnal*)

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation;
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms of praise.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods,
The deep places of the earth are in His hands,
The strength of the hills also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.
O come let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For He is our God.
And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: We pray. . . Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

Lector: The Old Testament reading for this day comes from Jeremiah, the 28th chapter.

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. ⁶ He said, “Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD’s house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon.

⁷ Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: ⁸ From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:17-25

Reader: The Epistle for this day is taken from 1 Peter, the first chapter.

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for

your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ^[a] ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”^[b]

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:34-42*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,

a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.”^[a]

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” LSB 915

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.

Today our Father calls us;

His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED (ALL)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavn’ly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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

Pastor: God the Father, who promised lasting peace; the ✠ Son, whose death and resurrection have made that peace real for all who call to Him in faith; and the Holy Spirit, who has opened our eyes that we may believe, bless you and keep you in His care today and forever. Receive, therefore, with believing hearts, the benediction of the God who has loved you before the world ever was:

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LSB 924

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH: Matthew 10:34-42: You never know how a life will be touched by a small act of kindness - like the sharing of a cold cup of water - but God does! Jesus gives us a hint of the fact that the intentional kindness we share with one another in “little acts of love” is found in the parable of the sheep and the goats when He refers to Judgment Day: “When I was thirsty, you gave Me something to drink. When did we do this for You, Lord?” When you did it for any of My people, no matter how unimportant the act or the person seemed to be, you did it for Me! Reach out to the world with the kindness of God’s Word as you would do it for Jesus Himself!



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STEWARDSHIP June 21

Matt. 10:42 - “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go to supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach, and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through supporting it.