

August 2, 2020
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado
Rooted in Grace + Reaching out in Christ's Love

Welcome to Grace!

We are glad you are joining us online for this worship service. Our liturgy is printed in this worship folder so that you can follow along on [Zoom with the live Worship Service](#) or afterward on [the Grace Boulder website](#).

In response to Christ's boundless love for all, members of Grace share that love by inviting all – regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation – to come and participate in the life of Grace.

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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GATHERING

MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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 SONG

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

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1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

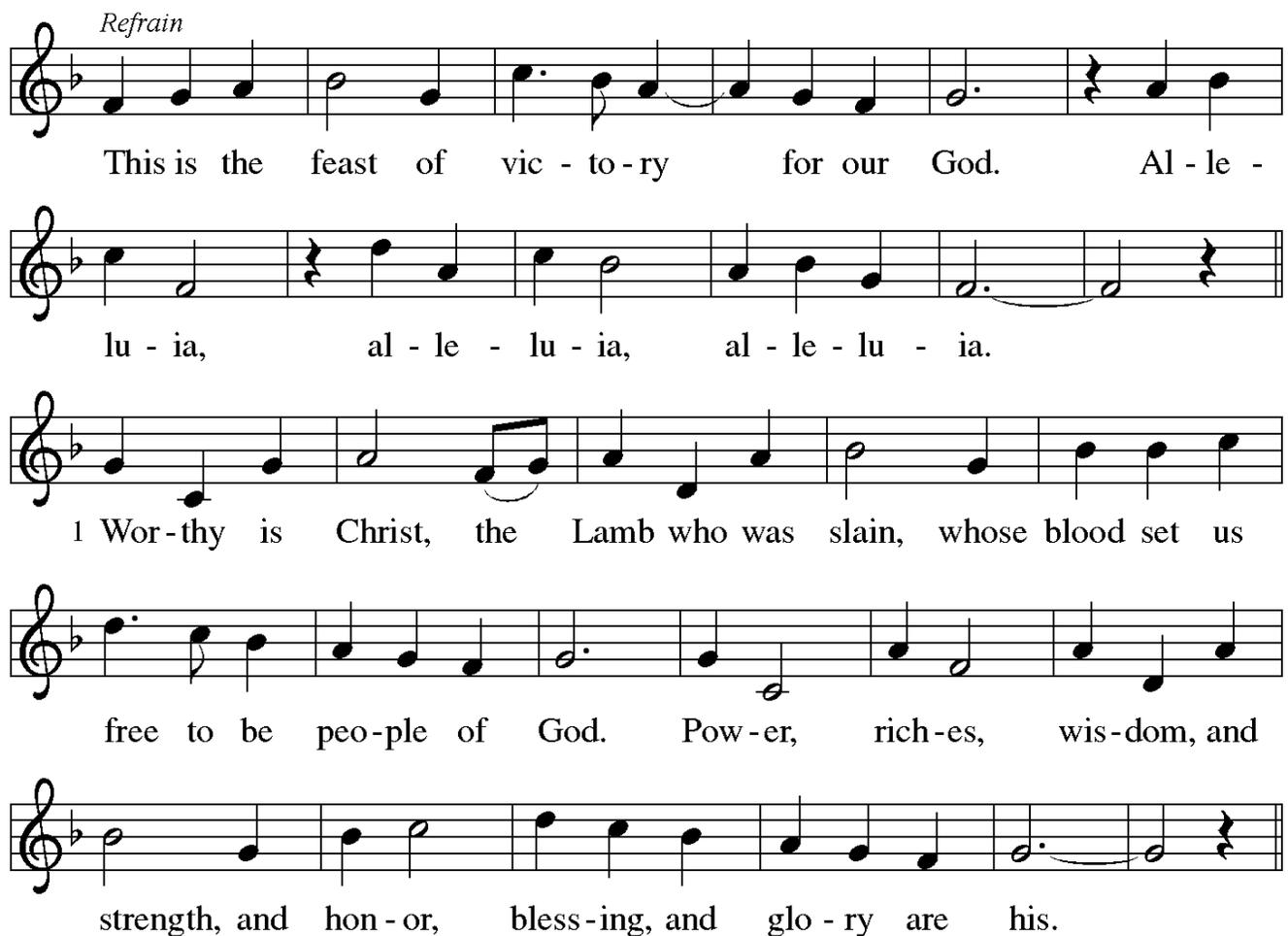
GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Everyone who thirsts, come | to the waters; | you that have no money, come, | buy and eat

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Weber

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 into hell.
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

Confident in your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from destruction. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give Grace Lutheran such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter; and bless us with creativity to share your hospitality with the world around us even during this pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known in this life, and commend them to your eternal care. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Your stewardship at Grace is more important now than ever. Without in-person Worship Services where offerings are collected, we hope that you will take the extra time to fulfill your pledges. Please visit the [Grace Boulder Stewardship page](#) to learn more.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gott sei mir gnädig Sebastian Schmidt, bass
from "Paulus" by Mendelssohn Caitlin Strickland, piano

Gott, sei mir gnädig nach deiner Güte
Oh God, have mercy upon me
Und tilge meine Sünden
And forgive my sins
Nach deiner großen Barmherzigkeit.
According to Your grace.

Verwirf mich nicht von Deinem Angesicht
Cast me not away from Your presence
Und nimm Deinen Heiligen Geist nicht von mir.
And take not Your spirit from me.

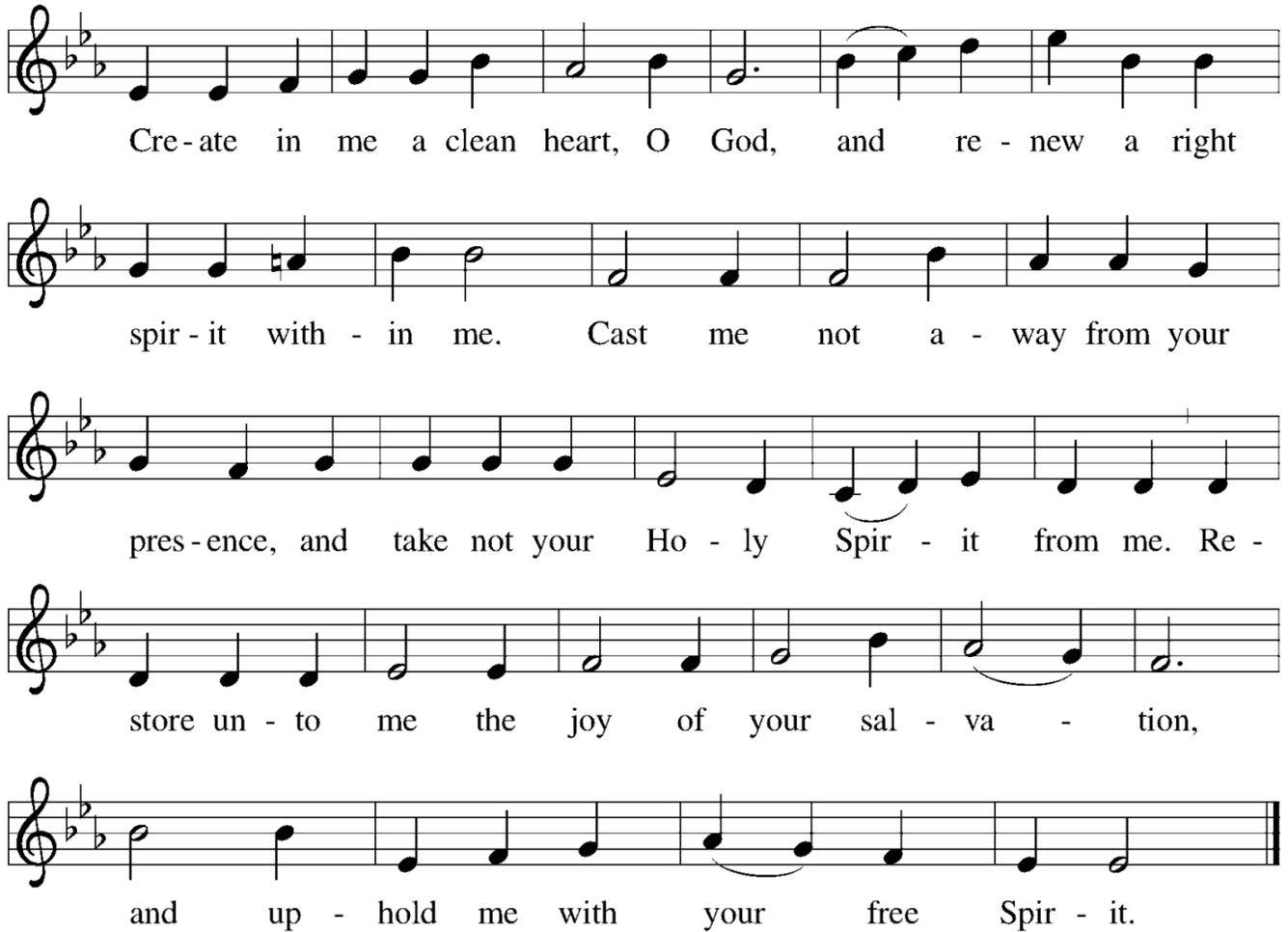
Ein geängstetes und zerschlagenes Herz
A distressed and broken heart
Wirst Du, Gott, nicht verachten.
Will You not reject, Oh Lord.

Denn ich will die Übertreter Deine Wege lehren,
Because I will teach transgressors Your ways,
Dass sich die Sünder zu Dir bekehren.
And sinners shall be converted unto You.

Herr, tue meine Lippen auf,
Lord, open my lips,
Dass mein Mund Deinen Ruhm verkündige.
And my mouth shall proclaim Your glory.

OFFERTORY*Create In Me*

ELW 188



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread
one bread, one cup:
these are signs of your abundant grace
uniting us as one in You.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

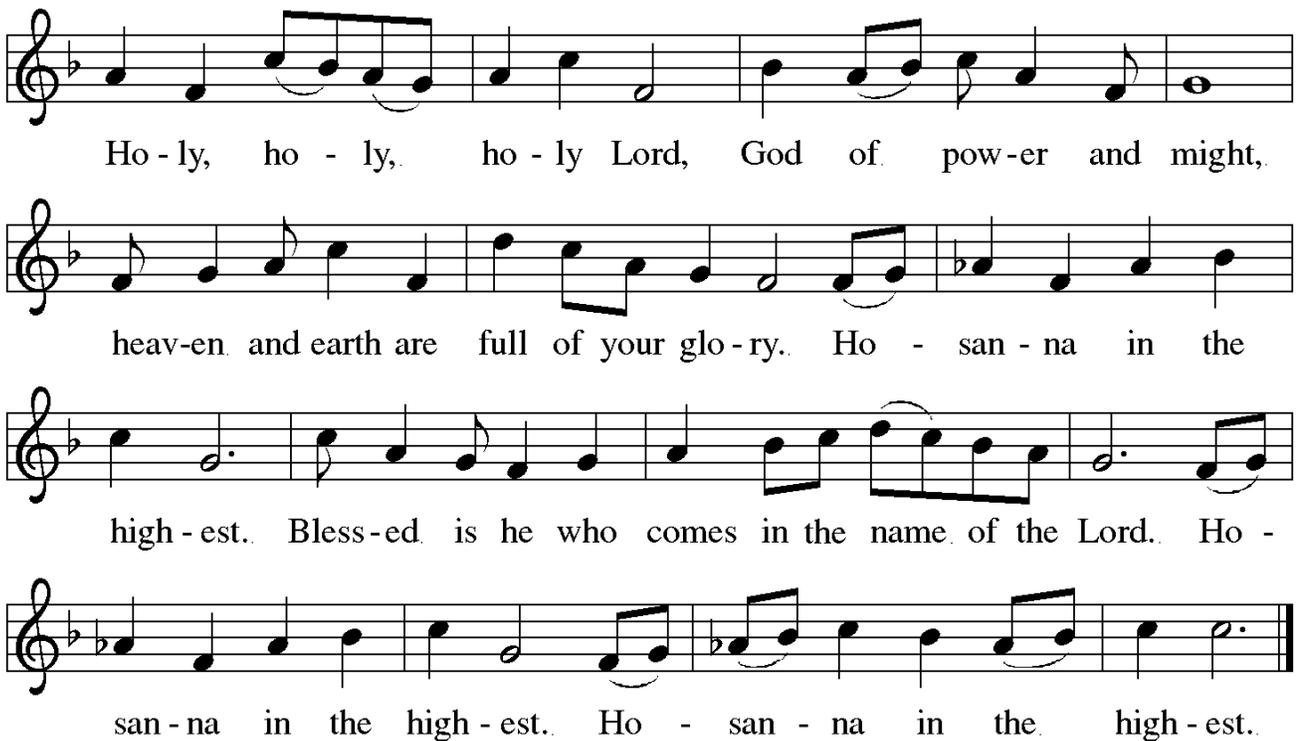
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases slurred together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en. and earth are full of your glo-ry.. Ho - san - na in the
high - est.. Bless-ed. is he who comes in the name. of the Lord.. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; gave thanks, he gave it to them saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

With this bread and this cup we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.

To you O God be all honor and glory today and always.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your mercy and teach us to pray:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

This is the table of God. We invite all who are hungry for God's presence in their lives to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table.

Those of you who are with others in your home, please serve one another saying, "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Those of you who are watching by yourself, I invite you to wait until I say those words to you before you eat the bread and drink the wine.

If you don't have bread, or you don't have wine or grape juice, Martin Luther reminds us that God is fully present in each element – that receiving only the bread or only the wine is entire forgiveness.

Further, those of you who might not receive communion for whatever reason, please recognize and understand that God's forgiveness and mercy and love are fully and completely provided to you in ways additional to Holy Communion.



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

PRAYER

God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your unifying love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

BLESSING

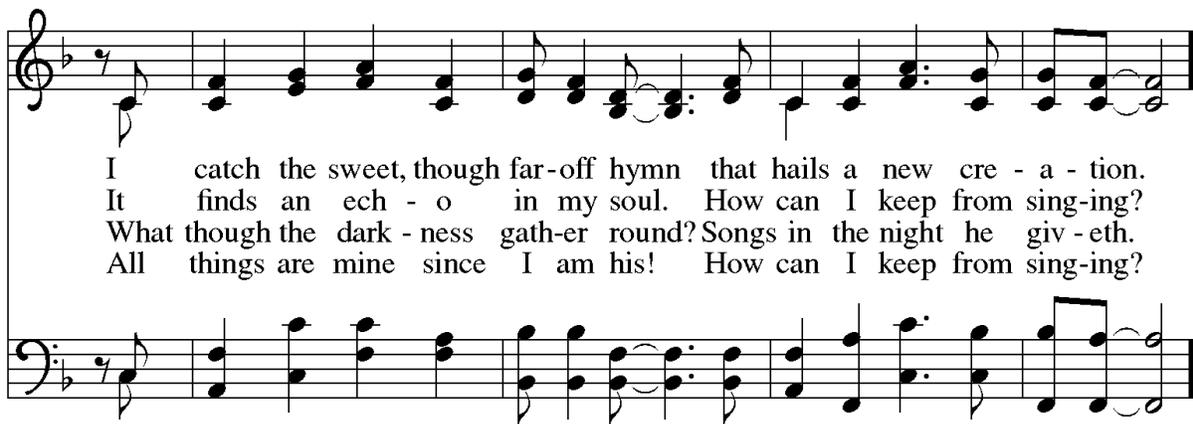
Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

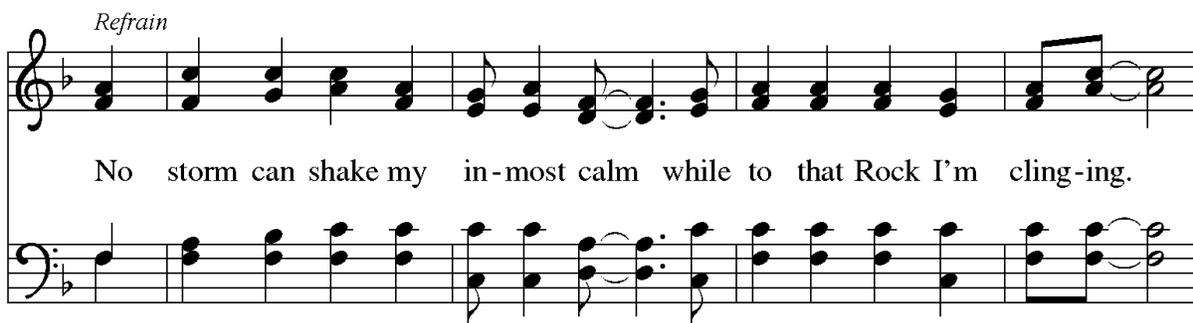


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33



GRACE NOTES

a guide to parish life at Grace

August 2, 2020

*We pray **for those who are ill**: Carol Painter, Bob Stec (former co-worker of Tom Lawson fighting COVID19), Allan Wolfe, Jacquie Poe (friend of Sandi Stahl); **those undergoing treatment**: Tom Graziano (friend of Tom Lawson), Ron Lundal (family friend of the Lawsons), John Gamble, Patrick Fallin (friend of Hiroko Akima), Coral Fay MosbØ (sister of Karen O'Loughlin), Paul Herzegh (friend of the Zabels), Elizabeth Farr, Deena Steward (daughter-in-law of the Stewards), Cheryl Fenske Prudic (niece of the Stewards), Mary Dorsett (former member of Grace); **hope and healing**: Fran Dzilvelis (Ashley (néé Stahl) Dzilvelis' mother-in-law) who was hospitalized this week, friends and family of Jan Adams grieving her death last week, friends and family of Dave Linder grieving his death July 25, friends and family of Richard Raedeke grieving his death July 12, Blaine Gorrell (great-grand nephew of Donna Rohde preparing for surgery in September), John and Nelda Gamble (grieving the death of their friend Arline Fernandez last month), Tom Kresler (friend of Tom Lawson recovery from surgery), Stan and Anne Peterson grieving the death of their brother-in law Robert Villier, Christian Mueller (grandson of Anne and Stan Peterson working on the COVID19 ward at St. Joseph's hospital), Diana Anderson (former Grace member), Barry Miller (friend of the Gambles now in Hospice Care), Rodney McLenon (friend of the Zabels), Beaudin Larabee (friend of the Zabels), Ray Haux (former Grace member now in Hospice care), Mieko Akima, Myrna Montgomery (grandmother of LCM student Arin Moriarty), Mark Woods (friend of Deb Valerio), Ruth VanderMinden, Pamela Kast (sister-in-law of Patty's sister), Rick Beckman (brother of Kim).*

The designated offering for August is: [Boulder Shelter for the Homeless](#).

The Boulder Shelter for the Homeless provides opportunities for housing solutions, safe shelter, food, and support services for up to 160 individuals year around. Founded in 1982, the Boulder Shelter is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Boulder, Colorado.

Their Mission is to create avenues to stable housing for our community's homeless adults, from a foundation of supportive and safe shelter. Their Core Values are to: treat all with dignity, offer support and opportunity, practice responsible stewardship, and achieve results through competence and creativity.

Thanks to the **Grace Foundation**, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2020, up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to “Grace Lutheran Church” and add “PiM: Boulder Shelter for the Homeless” to the memo line.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Services Added

Sunday morning liturgies can't be in-person for now. So we're adding an evening prayer liturgy to our schedule at Grace. Every other Wednesday evening we'll meet at 5:30 pm in the courtyard for a service of instrumental music, prayer, scripture, and silence. The next of these services will happen on Wednesday, August 12.

Because there's only so much space in the courtyard, and because we have to make sure there's enough room for households to remain at least six feet apart from each other, you'll have to [sign up here](#) ahead of time. You can also use the [Sunday Worship Services](#) Zoom link to participate remotely from home. The next service is Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 pm in the Grace courtyard.

Bishop Gonia has been talking about what the Church is becoming in response to the world around us. This is one way that Grace Lutheran is experimenting with being a faithful community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. So bring your lawn chairs/water/bug spray/sunscreen, wear a mask, and come for a Wednesday Evening Prayer liturgy. ([But sign up first!](#))

A Note from Pastor Matthew

Y'all are probably way ahead of me, but I'm just now coming to the realization that the current pandemic reality that our society and our world is currently dealing with isn't a short-term thing. I have a feeling we're going to be wearing masks and keeping our distance from people who aren't part of our household for quite a few more months.

And once we finally get back to worshipping in person together, it's not going to feel the same. We'll be wearing masks in the sanctuary, we probably won't be singing or hugging our friends, and most of us won't be able to sit in our regular spot in the sanctuary. Worship is going to feel really different.

As I've been grappling with the fact that we're probably going to be dealing with pandemic reality for a while, I found myself lamenting and complaining about wanting things to get back to normal. Then someone reminded me that the Israelites were taken from their land by the Babylonians, and were forced to live in a foreign land for 40 years or so. At which point I remembered that the Israelites also lamented and complained about not being able to worship God, because they'd been taken away from the Temple.

Of course, God reminded them that they didn't need to be in or near the Temple – that they could worship God when they were in Babylon. Of course it might be a different worship experience than they were used to. They would have to come up with new traditions, and new ways to express worship. But they could still worship God. And so they did.

I feel like God might be reminding me that we might have a different worship experience now than we're used to. We might have to come up with new traditions, and with new ways to express our worship. But we can still worship God, even though things might have to change.

What doesn't change, whether we're in Israel or Babylon, the sanctuary or Zoom, is God's love for us and for all of creation. Thanks be to God.

Remember to be well, wash your hands, and keep on trusting in Jesus.

~ pr. m

Rooted in Grace

The **2020 Grace Community Directory** is now ready. [Download and print your own copy](#), pick one up at a Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, or [ask for one to be delivered](#) to you with the Sunday bulletin deliveries.

Lectionary Bible Study continues on Wednesday, August 5 at 10:30 am [via Zoom](#). The study focuses on the lectionary texts for the next Sunday's worship, taking a deeper dive than is possible within the constraints of the service. Join us for spirited discussion and fellowship time!

The readings for Sunday, August 9, 2020 are:

- **1 Kings 19:9-18** *The Lord speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb*
- **Psalm 85:8-13** *I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*
- **Romans 10:5-15** *Hearing and confessing the word of faith*
- **Matthew 14:22-33** *Jesus walking on the sea*

If you would like to be placed on the distribution list, [please contact Amy](#) in the Grace office.

A Note from Anne Peterson regarding **Summer Grace Boulder Special Music**: Normally I would be putting a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board and making announcements during the service asking folks to sign up for special music in the summer. However, these are not normal times. As our virtual lead singer choir begins its summer hiatus, we still need volunteers to provide music during the anthem slot. Here's how it will happen:

1. Michael has provided [this sign up sheet](#), and our talented Grace musicians (YOU!) with their family and friends can now choose their Sundays.
2. Rather than perform live on Sunday morning, you can come to the church on Saturday to record your music. Other times can be arranged if necessary. Appropriate measures, especially distancing, will be taken to ensure your safety.
3. If you need an accompanist, contact [Boyd Hamilton](#) to get the music to him. If your accompaniment is particularly difficult, he would appreciate two weeks notice. For any other questions and to schedule your recording, contact [Michael Hoffman](#).
4. The minimum of music to provide is a vocal or instrumental piece to take the place of the choir anthem (2-5 minutes in length). You can also provide a prelude and/or postlude if you desire.
5. [Join the service via Zoom on Sunday morning](#). You've become a Grace recording star!

Thank you all, and I look forward to our special summer music!

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

Thank you for your donations* of blank greeting cards for the inmates of [New Beginnings](#). Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones.

Remember [Harvest of Hope](#) food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. Our donations* make a difference for those who struggle to find food each week.

** If you have access to the church building (through a key or door code), you can drop off donations in the regular locations in the narthex. Pastor Matthew will make sure they get to where they're supposed to get to.*

If you don't have access to the church building or if you don't feel comfortable entering the church building, please contact Pastor Matthew to arrange a pick up.

This Week at Grace

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Sunday, August 2

9:30-11:30 am Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

10 am Worship Service via Zoom

Monday, August 3

12-2:30 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Tuesday, August 4

12-2:30 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Wednesday, August 5

10:30-11:30 am Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom

12-1 pm Staff Meeting via Zoom

12-2:30 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Thursday, August 6

12-2:30 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Friday, August 7

12-2:30 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Saturday, August 8

Worship Packet Deliveries

Sunday, August 9

9:30-11:30 am Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

10 am Worship Service via Zoom