



September 13, 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 second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

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## GATHERING

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### MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

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 hoard your gift of salvation for 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 the death and resurrection of Christ our Savior.  
grants mercy to all creation.

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit,  
may we live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## 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.**

## GLORIA



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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### **FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21**

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?

<sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went

and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Pastor Matthew Weber

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

## **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**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith in the midst of this pandemic through deeper relationships with one another and with you. Nurture new perspectives on the work you call us to do in this world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Calm our hearts when we would seek to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom, especially our president Donald and our governor Jared. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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## MEAL

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*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.*

## ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

*Mikail M. Ippolitof-Ivanof, English text by N. Lindsay Norden*

## OFFERTORY

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*



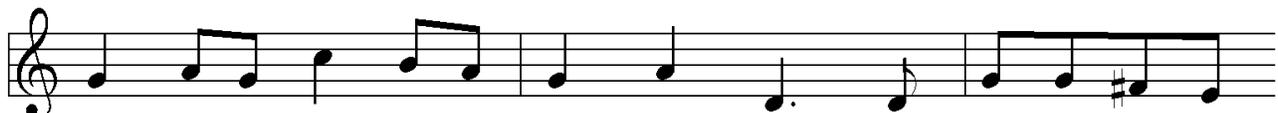
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



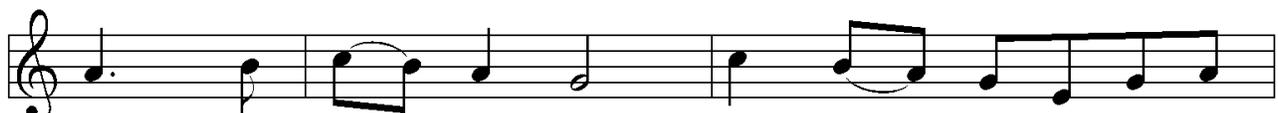
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

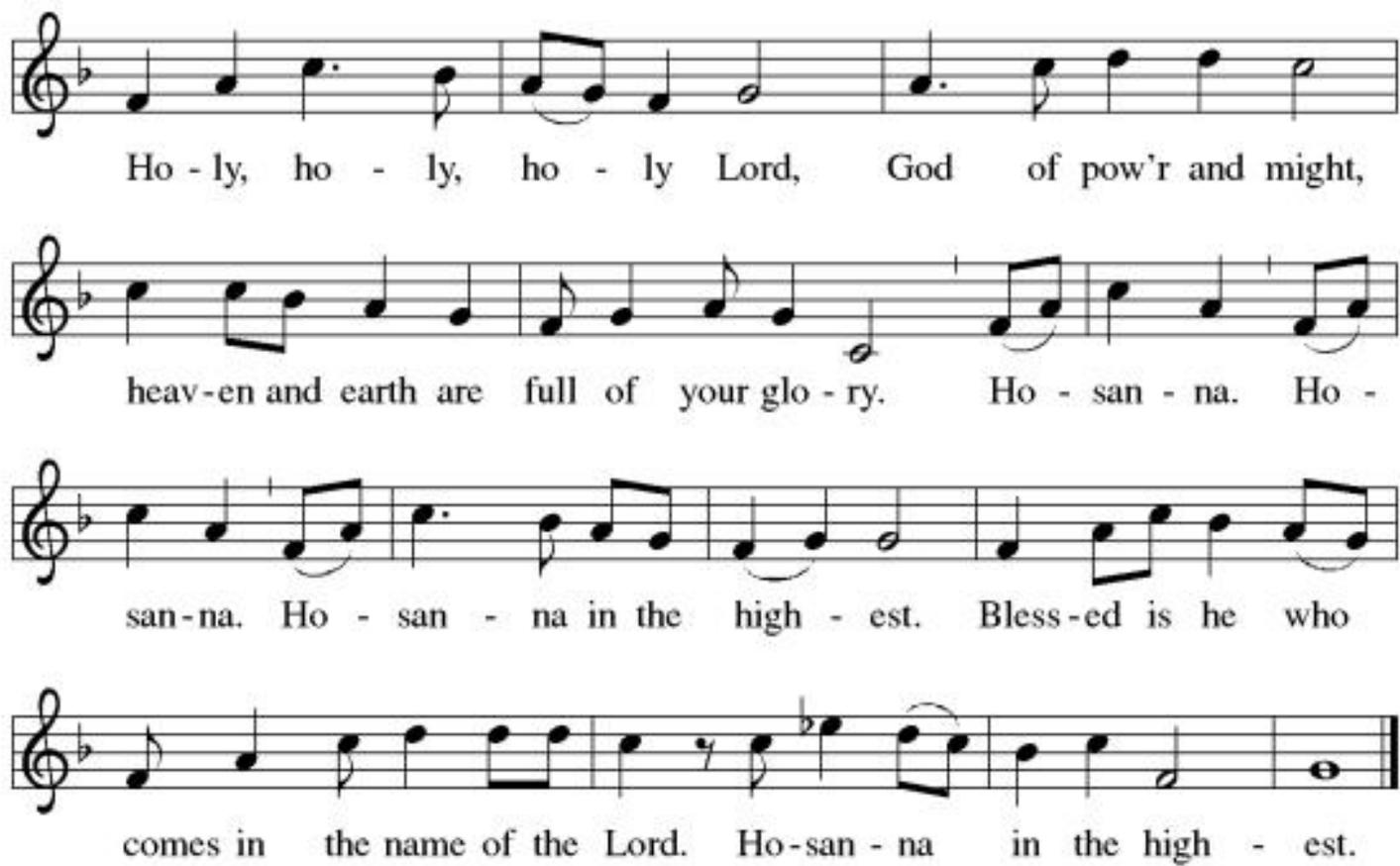
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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,  
that we should at all times and in all places...

... So with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,  
for on the night he was betrayed  
Jesus gathered with his friends  
for a meal that remembers and anticipates freedom

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

As we share this bread and cup, O God,  
and as we remember Christ's death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit into our dispersed midst,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed, and forgiven, and strengthened to serve you.

**Amen.**

As Christ has taught us, so we 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.**

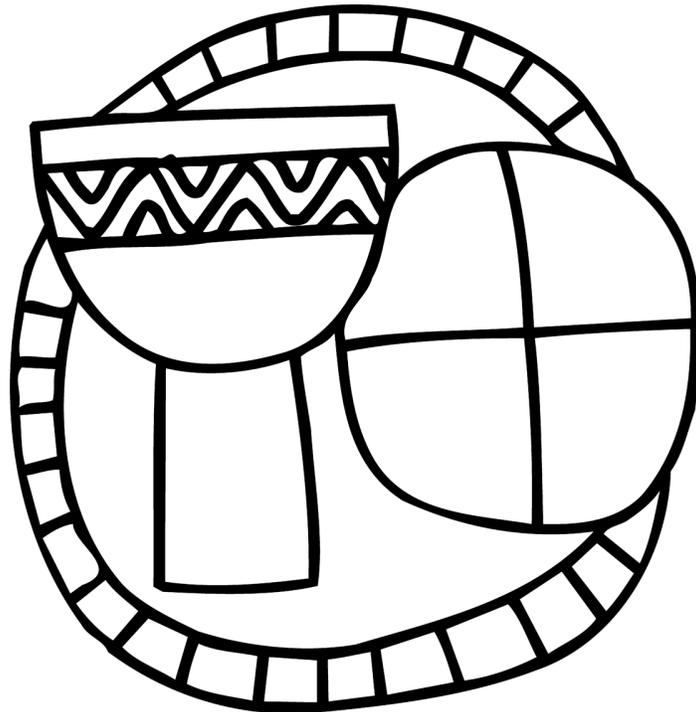
## **DISTRIBUTION**

*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.**

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## **SENDING**

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## **PRAYER**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that once again you have fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



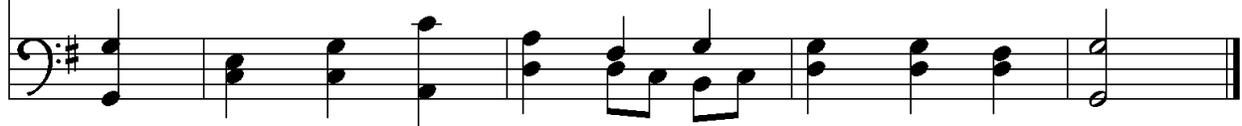
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, September 20**

*Jonah 3:10--4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*



**GRACE NOTES**  
a guide to parish life at Grace

September 13, 2020

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*We pray for those who are ill: Carol Painter, Allan Wolfe, Jacquie Poe (friend of Sandi Stahl);*

*those undergoing treatment: Tom Graziano (friend of Tom Lawson), Ron Lundal (family friend of the Lawsons), 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: Amy Stewart McIntosh remembering the death of her father Jack Michael Stewart 38 years ago today, Leon Fjestad (Anne Peterson's brother admitted to a memory care nursing home), Fran Dzilvelis (Ashley (née Stahl) Dzilvelis' mother-in-law) who was hospitalized, friends and family of Jan Adams grieving her death, 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), 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)*

*in celebration of: Anne and Stan Peterson's grandson Liam Mueller married to Tressa Rudd on August 17 in Hawaii. (Liam is a Marine stationed at Honolulu.), and Shelby and Nick Vanderborgh's 60th wedding anniversary in August.*

**The designated offering for September is: [ELCA Racial Justice Ministries](#).**

We in the ELCA believe that Christ's church is for all people. God calls each of us by name, and it is not our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. But as "saints and sinners," we know and experience God's work of healing and restoring as well as the persistent human pain and injustices of racism in the world. This is where God has put us, in the thick of life, where we participate in what God is doing by insisting on justice and upholding human dignity for the inclusion of all people in the life of the church and society.

We in the ELCA are called to be a church that embraces each person and confronts racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, age, gender, familial, sexual orientation, physical, personal and class barriers that often manifest themselves in unjust treatment, inequalities, exclusion and violence.

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: ELCA Racial Justice Ministries](#)" to the memo line. You may place checks in the mail slot at Grace, send through the US mail, or use our electronic giving option [Simply Giving](#) on the Grace website. Thank you for your generosity.

## **A Note from Pastor Matthew**

As you heard during the sermon two Sundays ago, and as you probably knew without me having to tell you, there's an election coming up later this fall.

Though our allegiance as Christians is to God first, we still live in a world in which we have commitments to other entities. For instance, we have an obligation to participate to some degree in the governmental structure which have an influence on our lives.

And so, because we as Christians have a particular perspective on how we are called to live and move and have our being in the world, we also have a responsibility to allow our faith to shape and guide our life beyond the confines of the church. Which might bring us to the question of voting.

As your pastor, I won't tell you that you should go and vote. And I certainly won't tell you how you should vote, if you choose to do so. However, I will provide us opportunities to address the issues which arise during an election season – opportunities which include praying, voting, advocating for or against particular issues or platform positions, and praying.

Watch over the next couple of weeks or so for some ways which we, as people of faith, might address some of the issues which this election has brought and will be bringing to the front of our consciousness as a nation.

So brush up on the issues, if you want to – and remember to stay well, wash your hands, and keep on trusting in Jesus.

~ pr. m

## Rooted in Grace

Grace welcomes new alto lead singer [Emma Vawter](#). Emma is an adventurous musician with a passion for exploring rarely performed works from the Renaissance to Crumb to composed yesterday. A frequent soloist with Ars Nova Singers, she has performed classics like Durufle's Requiem, Renaissance Sephardic songs with the renowned viola da gamba player Ann Marie Morgan, and Jennefelt's Villarosa Sequences with aria acrobats soaring overhead. Emma has also sung professionally with Bravo Vail, Opera Colorado, Boulder Opera, and Seicento Baroque, among others. Emma has degrees from Yale University, and the University of Colorado-Boulder. When she isn't singing, Emma works in conservation protecting the beauty of her beloved Colorado.

The **Grace Choir** will be holding rehearsals [via Zoom](#) on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us regardless of musical experience.

All participants will be muted for the first 30 minutes, which will be a vocal warm up with Michael. Following the warm up, our lead singers will join our rehearsal to work on that week's offertory anthem. All singers will be muted so everyone can sing with their full voice in the comfort of their own home. Music will be shared via email each week. Please [let Michael know if you are interested](#).

Spread the word to any friends who may be interested in joining us for any or all of our rehearsal, or to see how our music program works. We're happy to share music with all of you!

Thank you for all your enthusiasm regarding **Takapenga's** unique, energetic, special music on August 30. For those of you who were interested, please [find out more](#) about Kutandara, [mark your calendar](#) for some outdoor local performances this month, or [sign up for a class](#) yourself!

**Lectionary Bible Study** continues on Wednesday, September 16 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, September 20, 2020 are:

- **Jonah 3:10--4:11** *God's concern for the city of Nineveh*
- **Psalm 145:1-8** *The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)*
- **Philippians 1:21-30** *Standing firm in the gospel*
- **Matthew 20:1-16** *The parable of the vineyard workers*

We are now sending Bible readings on Tuesday in advance of Wednesday Bible Study for participants to be prepared. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, [please contact Amy](#) in the Grace office.

The Boulder Rotary is seeking nominations for the **Jim Swaebly Peace Award**. The award recognizes “a person or persons for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideals of Rotary as expressed in the Fourth Object of Rotary: ‘The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service,’” according to the organization.

The award commemorates Boulder Rotarian and Grace member Jim Swaebly, “who gave of his time, talent, humor and passion to build a better world,” according to the Rotary. Swaebly was a Peace Corps volunteer in Tonga and businessman who contributed to the community and world in numerous ways, and long-time member of Grace until his death in 2016.

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2020 Jim Swaebly Peace award, please use [this form](#).

## 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.

**New Beginnings** also invites us to attend the virtual Chow Hall Gala. Mark your calendar for Friday, October 9 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Their baseball themed event will feature musical entertainment, guest speakers from both inside and outside the prison, and—new this year—paddle raiser games. You'll hear from bestselling author Nadia Bolz-Weber who preaches and teaches inside Denver Women's as a New Beginnings volunteer. You will also hear from Dean Williams, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections, who will speak about changing the prison culture in Colorado. Help them hit a home run!

Information on tickets and other opportunities to support New Beginnings during the gala can be found at: <https://handbid.app.link/chowhall>

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, September 13

9:15-11:45 am Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

**10 am Worship Service via Zoom**

Monday, September 14

*Nothing Scheduled*

Tuesday, September 15

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Wednesday, September 16

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

11 am-6 pm Office Administrator Hours, Grace Office

12-1 pm Staff Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, September 17

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Friday, September 18

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Saturday, September 19

*Worship Packet Deliveries*

Sunday, September 20

9:15-11:45 am Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

**10 am Worship Service via Zoom**