

October 4, 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 gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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GATHERING

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

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

**¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[*Paul writes:*] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to

know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[*Jesus said to the people:*] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders, especially those who will soon be elected, seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of 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.

ANTHEM

“We Are a Garden”

Alice Parker

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

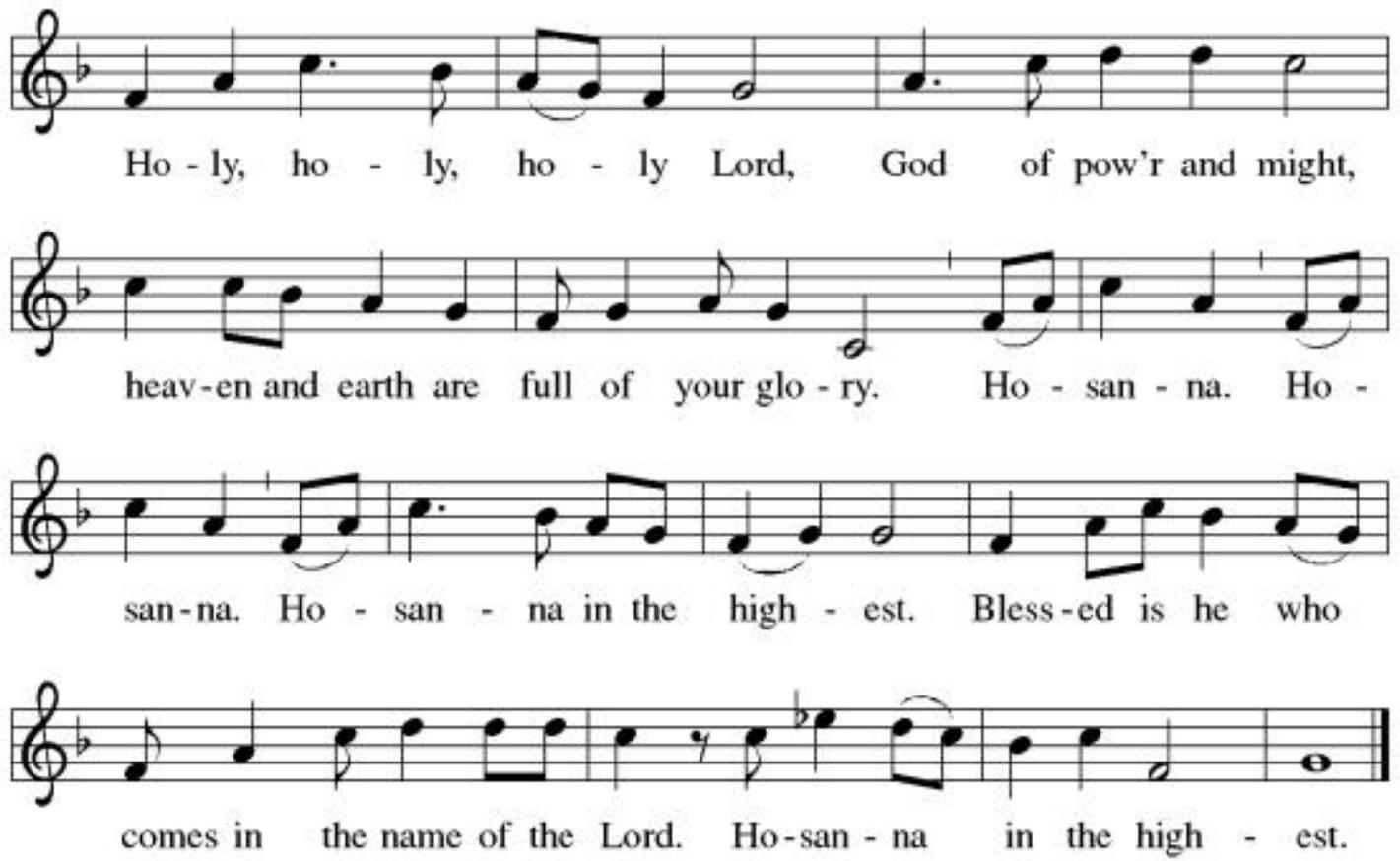
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

On that night,
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.

SENDING

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.

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14



GRACE NOTES

a guide to parish life at Grace

October 4, 2020

We pray for those who are ill: Charley, Mary, Pete, Emily, Jack, and Elle Zabel (suffering from COVID19), Cindy Jones, Carol Painter, Allan Wolfe, and Jacquie Poe (friend of Sandi Stahl).

We pray for those undergoing treatment: Tom Graziano (friend of Tom Lawson), 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), Jan Adams (friend of Sandi Stahl), Cheryl Fenske Prudic (niece of the Stewards), and Mary Dorsett (former member of Grace).

We pray for hope and healing for: Mieko Akima, friends and family of Ron Lundal grieving his death September 19, Rich Harris (John Laitinen's cousin), Blaine Gorrell (great-grandnephew of Donna Rohde recuperating from surgery, Leon Fjestad (Anne Peterson's brother admitted to memory care), Fran Dzilvelis (Ashley (née Stahl) Dzilvelis' mother-in-law), Christian Mueller (grandson of the Petersons working on a COVID19), 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), 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), and Rick Beckman (brother of Kim).

The designated offering for October is: [Lutheran Family Services](#).

Inspired by the compassionate love of Christ, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains walks with the vulnerable, through services that heal, strengthen, and provide hope. They believe that all people, from the newborn infant to the most

elderly person, deserve to be valued in our community. Therefore, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is committed to offering love and support to the people it serves, regardless of race, religion, gender, or age, to help equip them to live full and whole lives.

Founded in 1948 to provide adoptive placement for babies, over time programs were added to meet new community needs: birth parent counseling, foster care, aging services, international adoptions, services to refugees, aid following disasters, and parent education. Since 2000, LFSRM has added: an African American Caregiver Support Program; an infant adoption awareness training program for healthcare providers; foster care services for unaccompanied refugee minors; an employment training center for refugees; and basic legal immigration services. In 2012 LFSRM assumed operations of a SafeTouch Body Safety program, family visitation facility, and parenting education classes in Weld County, and opened a refugee services office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. LFSRM is now one of the largest private foster care providers in the state and the largest refugee resettlement agency in the Rocky Mountain region.

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: Lutheran Family Services” 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

Recently I’ve been thinking about Christmas. It might be a little early, but it’s true. Beyond that, I’ve been thinking about the other holidays that are coming up over the next couple of months.

You're probably aware that we're coming into the holiday (holy day) season. In the church, we'll be celebrating Reformation Sunday at the end of October, All Saint's Day at the beginning of November. The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Advent starts. And after four weeks of Advent, it's time for Christmas.

In addition to the church holy days, our society also marks holidays like Thanksgiving (November 26), Halloween (October 31, the same day as Reformation Day), Martin Luther's birthday (November 10), New Year's Eve and Day (December 31-January 1), and Chicken Fried Steak Day (October 26).

As you're aware, the pandemic we're currently experiencing is compelling us to change many of our habits and traditions. And it's this reality that prompted me to start thinking about Christmas.

See, the thing is that unless things change in significant ways, Christmas Eve worship at Grace won't look anything like it has in the past. But I'm starting to wonder about and talk with the congregational council about whether there are any ways that we can gather safely in person. In fact, one member suggested what I'm calling "Christmas in the Courtyard" – we'd all bundle up, sit out in the courtyard with candles, and celebrate the Incarnation of the Living God of all the universe.

I don't know if that's what we'll do at Christmas. If you have ideas, I'm open to what you're thinking. What I do know is that the past six months of pandemic existence has changed the way I think about the future of the church. Also, our collective experience over the past six months has convinced and is continuing to convince me of a couple things:

- the church isn't the building
- it's still important to be together, in the same physical space
- the way we operate as the church is changing
- we can either worry about what's changing, or we can accept that things will need to change and then embrace what's life-giving about our new reality

I don't know exactly how we'll celebrate the holy days, but I know we will. Between now and then, remember to stay well, wash your hands, and keep on trusting in Jesus.

~ pr. m

Rooted in Grace

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. 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. Please [let Michael know if you are interested](#). We're happy to share music with all of you!

We've added an **Evening Prayer Liturgy** to our schedule at Grace. Every other Wednesday evening we meet in the courtyard at 5:30 pm for a service of instrumental music, prayer, scripture, and silence. [Sign up for Wednesday, October 7th here](#). If you would like to participate remotely, please use the [Worship Service link](#).

Lectionary Bible Study continues on Wednesday, October 7 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, October 11, 2020 are:

- **Isaiah 25:1-9** *The feast of victory*
- **Psalms 23** *You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)*
- **Philippians 4:1-9** *Rejoice in the Lord always*
- **Matthew 22:1-14** *The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast*

Reaching Out in Christ's Love

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 [here](#).

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.

This Week at Grace

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Sunday, October 4

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

10 am Worship Service [via Zoom](#)

Monday, October 5

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, October 6

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Wednesday, October 7

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

5:30 pm Mid-Week Prayer Service, [Grace Courtyard](#) (or [via Zoom](#))

Thursday, October 8

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Friday, October 9

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Saturday, October 10

Worship Packet Deliveries

Sunday, October 11

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

10 am Worship Service [via Zoom](#)