

October 18, 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 uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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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.

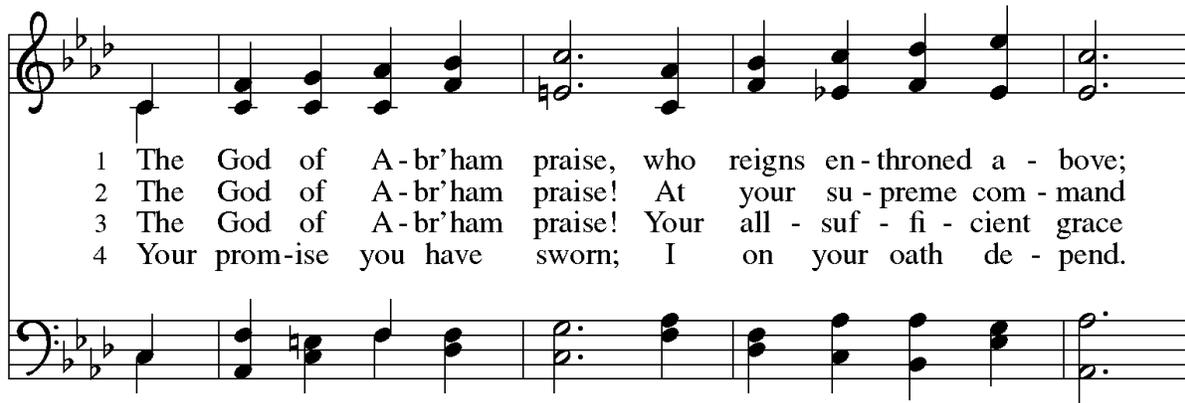
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

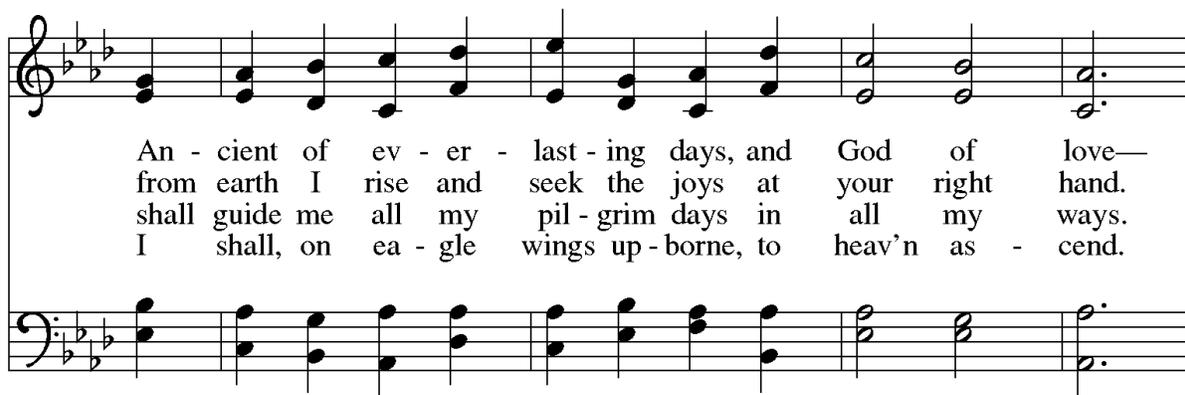
God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through the death and resurrection of Christ our Savior,
grants mercy to all creation.

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.**

verses 1-4 + verse 8


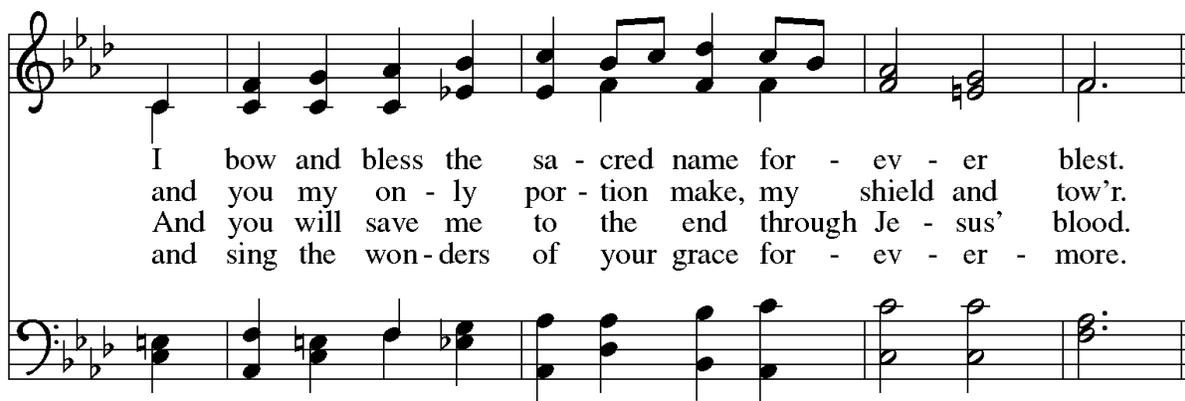
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

GATHERING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

continued

verse 8

8 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high.
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
they ever cry.
Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!
I join the heav’nly lays:
to you be glory, might divine,
and endless praise!

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

¹Sing to the Lord a new song;

 sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**²Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
 proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
 and God's wonders among all peoples.

**⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
 more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

**⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
 power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
 bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming,
O Lord,**

for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be

among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Lydia Ziauddin

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of all of your servants who share the Good News of your Love for the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to the west, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise us up to be devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. We especially pray for this country as we navigate this election season. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for the witness of those saints beloved to us, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. 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

“Cantate Domino”

Hans Leo Hassler

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

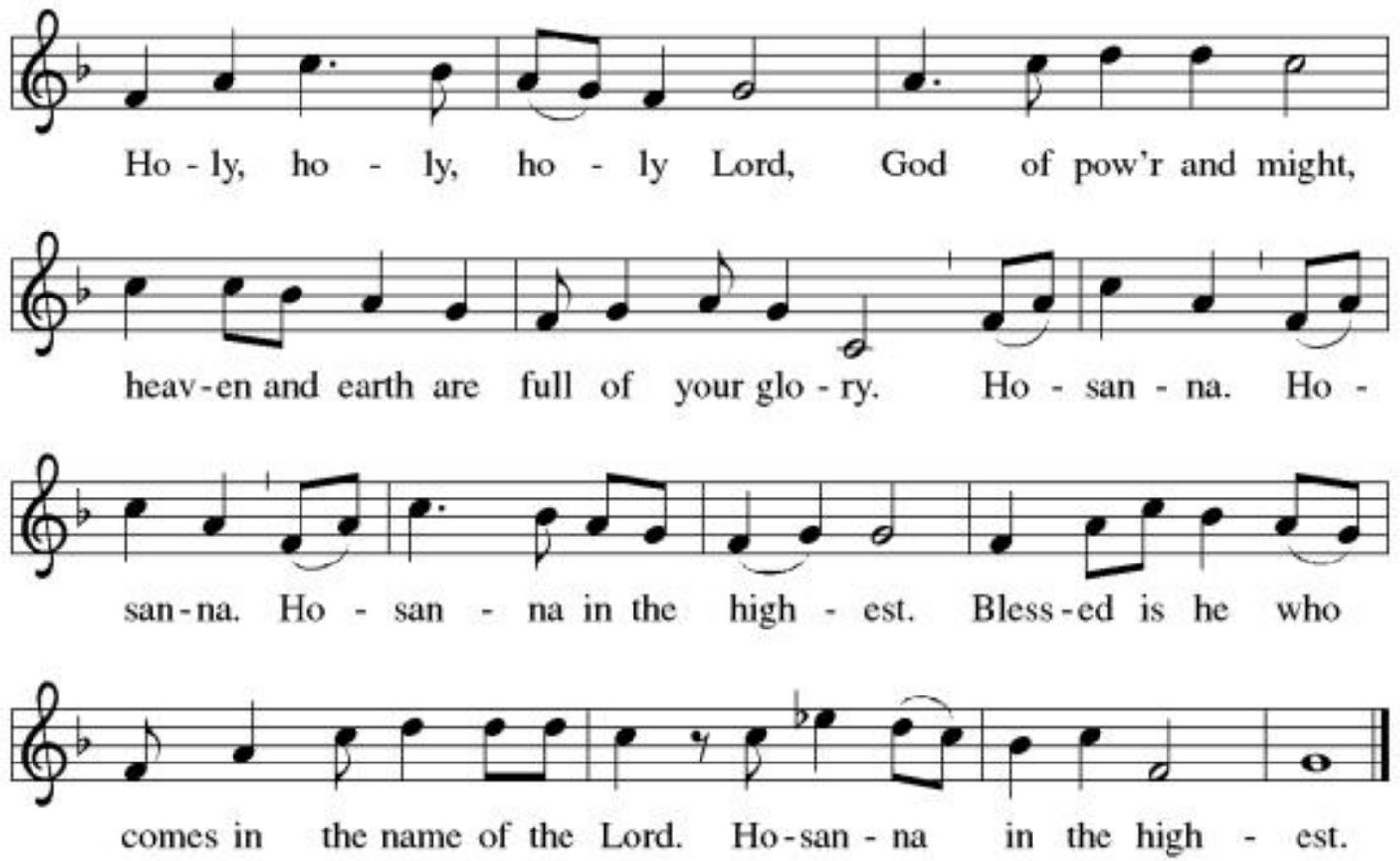
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

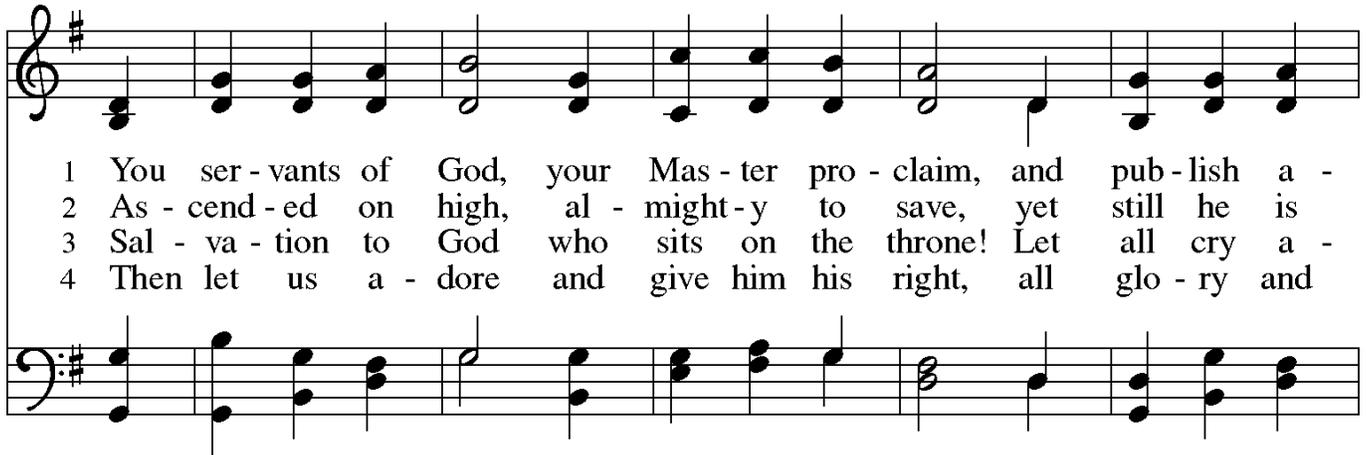
May God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

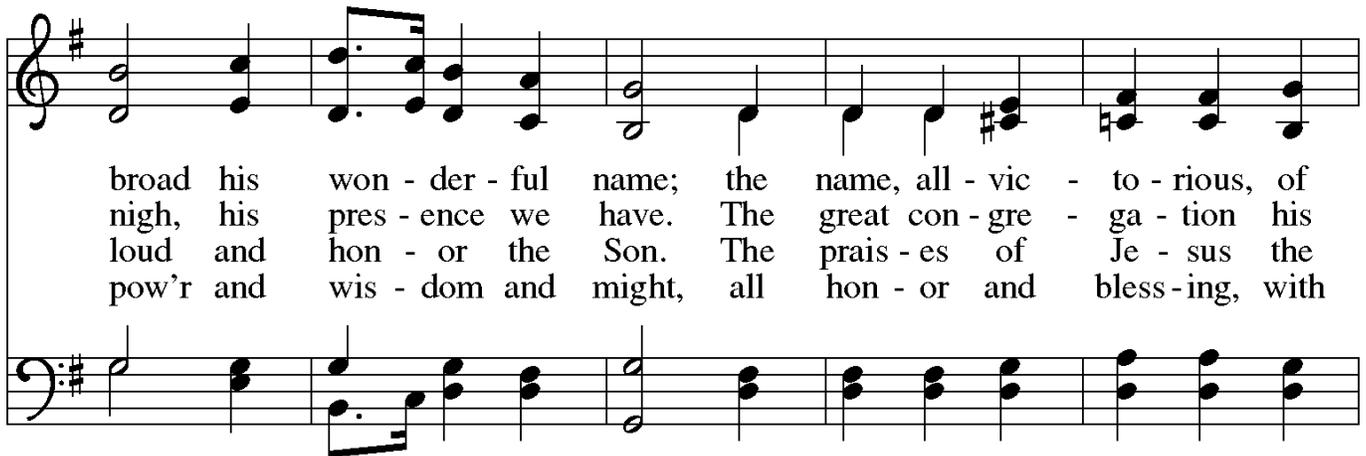
SENDING HYMN

You Servants of God

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1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Étude Op. 10, No. 12 in C minor

Frédéric Chopin

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday, October 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46



GRACE NOTES
a guide to parish life at Grace

October 18, 2020

We pray for those who are ill: Cindy Jones, Carol Painter, Allan Wolfe, and Jacquie Poe (friend of Sandi Stahl).

We pray for those undergoing treatment: Thomas Fay (brother-in-law of Karen O'Loughlin), Tom Graziano (friend of Tom Lawson), Patrick Fallin (friend of Hiroko Akima), 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.

Note from Pastor Matthew

Last Sunday was Clergy Appreciation Day ... apparently. Most of you are aware that I like celebrating unusual holidays (as I write this, you should know that it's currently October 12 ... which is Hug a Bassist Day). But Clergy Appreciation Day isn't one that was on my calendar.

I received numerous cards and email messages in recognition of this holiday from folks at Grace. They came via snail mail and email, some were left at the church building, and at least one was handed to me personally. I received cookies, coffee, and lots of well-wishes. Plenty of y'all wrote in your notes to me that you really like having me as your pastor, and that I'm a good fit during this strange time when we can't gather together in the same ways that we used to be able to do.

I hope that's true, and I don't have any reason not to trust that the notes were written honestly. Beyond that, it certainly was nice to read notes from folks who seem to be glad that I'm here. And conversely, I wouldn't expect to receive notes expressing appreciation from those of you who aren't super excited about me being here.

This holiday and your notes got me reflecting on my place within the Grace community, which makes me realize again that I certainly do enjoy being part of this congregation. Part of what I enjoy about this congregation is nostalgia, because the sense of deep-rooted Lutheran identity here at Grace reminds me of the congregation I grew up in. Part of it is the continual faithful and faith-centered curiosity that I've experienced from y'all as we've had a chance to interact some (as awkward as Zoom is).

Part of what I enjoy about this congregation is your history of embracing both life-giving tradition and interesting innovation, and your willingness to continue exploring both of those aspects of our faith.

I'm looking forward to what's next for Grace Lutheran. I'm looking forward to celebrating the upcoming Holy Days with y'all, even though it'll be different than the past. I'm looking forward to when we can worship together indoors, though that'll probably be well after Christmas (anyone want to make a prediction about what next year's Easter celebration will be like?). I'm looking forward to us figuring out together how Grace is going to adapt to the changes that God's Holy Spirit seems to be pushing us toward, and how we'll navigate making those changes in ways that both preserve what's life-giving about our past and embrace what's life-giving about the future God has in store for us.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. Remember to stay well, wash your hands, and keep on trusting in Jesus. ~ pr. m

Rooted in Grace

We want to hear from YOU! Please consider participating in the **Grace Lutheran Worship & Community Survey** below.

The Digital Broadcast Task Force at Grace Lutheran is committed to providing our members and friends with the most connected, accessible, and fulfilling worship and community experiences possible during these pandemic times. Towards that end, we want to hear your thoughts and opinions about our current and future online and in-person worship and community activities.

The feedback collected from this survey will help shape the Digital Task Force's recommendations to the Grace Council about future online and in-person activities, as well as the digital technologies budget and potential purchases.

To begin, click the link below. It only takes 10 minutes, and your feedback is so important!

[Grace Lutheran Worship & Community Survey](#)

If you would like to take the survey, but would prefer to fill it out on paper or over the phone, please email or call Pat Meyers at patricia.novak.meyers@gmail.com or **303-499-8804**. Likewise, if you know someone would like to take this survey who is invested in the life of Grace Lutheran, please feel free to forward this email to them or provide us with their name and email or phone number. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback!

- Your Friends on the Digital Broadcast Task Force at Grace Lutheran
(Ron Schwiesow, Patty Meyers, John Gamble, and Amy Stewart McIntosh)

Anyone is welcome to join the **Grace Choir** regardless of musical experience. Zoom rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 pm. 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!

Every other Wednesday evening we meet in the courtyard at 5:30 pm for an **Evening Prayer Liturgy** of instrumental music, prayer, scripture, and silence. [Sign up for Wednesday, October 21st here](#). If you would like to participate remotely, please use the [Worship Service link](#).

Lectionary Bible Study continues on Wednesday, October 21 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 25, 2020 are:

- **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18** *Holiness revealed in acts of justice*
- **Psalm 1** *Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)*
- **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8** *The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians*
- **Matthew 22:34-46** *Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor*

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.

This Week at Grace

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Sunday, October 18

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

10 am Worship Service [via Zoom](#)

Monday, October 19

Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, October 20

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Wednesday, October 21

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, October 22

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Friday, October 23

11 am-2 pm Office Administrator Hours, Remotely

Saturday, October 24

Worship Packet Deliveries

Sunday, October 25

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

10 am Worship Service [via Zoom](#)