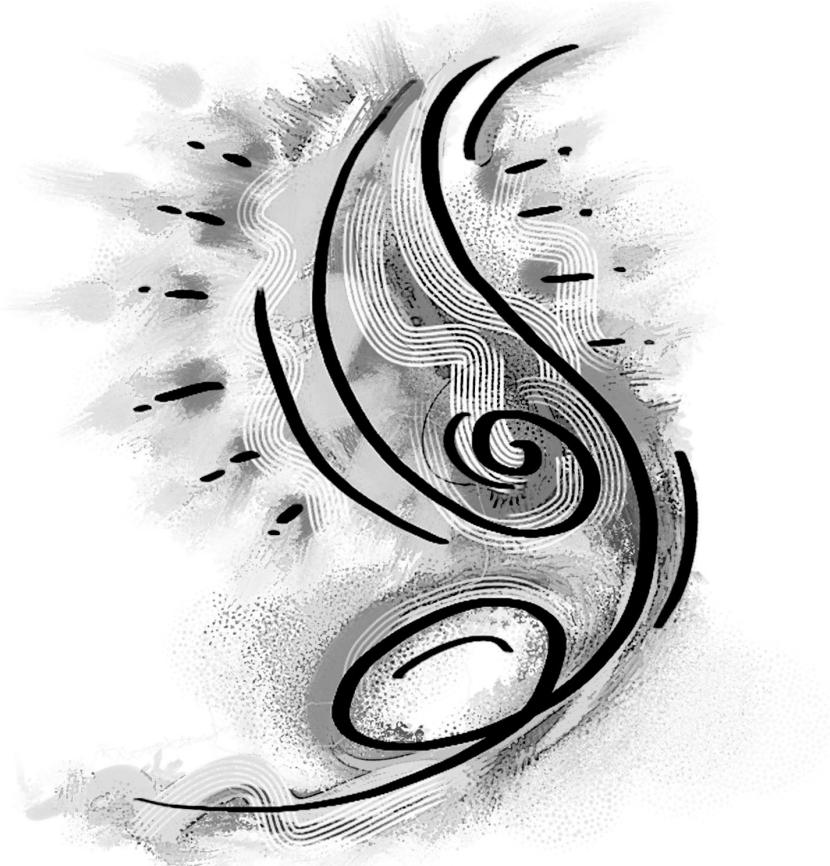


Worship Folder



*Third Sunday
after Pentecost*

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Grace Lutheran Church

June 20-21, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)
(the assembly stands as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

GATHERING HYMN

“O God, My Faithful God”

R806

(the assembly stands as you are able)

GREETING

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy

C: Christ have mercy

P: Lord have mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

(Response after first and second reading)

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

[¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.]

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection.
We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed
from sin.*

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,

will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(the assembly stands as you are able)

All: Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:]²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted.³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(the assembly may be seated)

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Love to Tell the Story”

R661

(the assembly stands as you are able)

APOSTLE'S CREED

**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 power of 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(Response after each petition)

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

(the assembly may be seated)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)

P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

(the assembly may be seated)

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

REFLECTION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

P: Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

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

SENDING

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

(the assembly may be seated)

SENDING HYMN

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

R722

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(the assembly stands, as you are able)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Don Furze, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Wayne Schaedig, who passed away this past week.

Prayer Concerns: We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for foster children/foster families through Grace Lutheran Church.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN LIMITED HOURS

The church office will be open limited hours for the next few weeks. The office will be open, Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

GRADUATES

If you, or someone you know, is graduating please let the Church Office know. We would like to include this information in an upcoming bulletin. Please include the following information: name, where graduating from, degree, future plans, and any other information you would like to share. Please also send the office a picture of the graduate if possible (we will include these with a graduation announcement on our website). Pictures may be emailed to officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org.

DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How Would You Characterize Our Times

How would you describe our times? Troubled? Difficult? Anxious? Inconvenient? Some other adjective? These are not easy times for most of us. Sunday's class gives us an opportunity to characterize our times. First is it really unprecedented in history. Also to characterize it in the light of God's providence and care for the world. Join us via Zoom at 11 am. If you didn't receive the Zoom info contact the pastor for information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our friends for the sympathy cards and calls from our friends here at Grace on the death of my sister, Karlene Trump. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Joel & Corinne Fraley

ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week. Please let others, family, friends and church members know about this. We hope these recorded services are meaningful. **MANY PEOPLE ARE WATCHING** From May 17th 123, from May 24th 136, from May 31st 110, from June 7th 91, and from June 14th 36 views so far. It is GOD'S WORD and it needs to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. **THANKS**

PASTY FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser for improving our outdoor sign at Grace Lutheran. We had a lot of pasty orders and we hope they were as enjoyable to eat as they were to make! Thank you again. We were able to raise \$828.50.

Elsa Phillips

FEELING STRETCHED AS A CAREGIVER?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

This interactive online workshop consists of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced Class Leaders conduct the series. Many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach. Interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming will help you take the “tools” you choose and put them into action for your life.

Classes will be held online from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Sessions are held every Monday and begins on May 4, 2020. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Upon registration you will be given the access code to join the online workshop. For more information or to register, contact Brooke Mainville at 989.358.4616 or mainvilleb@nemcsa.org.

MISSION TRIP POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 - COLLECTING BOTTLES/CANS

A special thank you to Grace members and friends who continue to support our community mission trips. Due to Covid we canceled all fundraising this spring which led us to postpone our trip until June 2021. We are continuing to raise funds over the next year with the hope we will be able to have a trip next year.

With that said, we hope you would consider donating your cans/bottles that have been accumulating at your home over the last several months to our 2021 mission trip fund. You can bring your returnable to Grace starting on June 13.

Thank you,
Vicki, Staci & Marsha
Mission Trip Leaders

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

While we wait to open our building to fellowship time, we want to try something new and different.

Have fellowship online with other church members. There is a computer platform called Zoom that you have probably heard about. We are using it for Council meetings and the Adult Christian Education class as are many other businesses and organizations and even families and friends to keep in touch, seeing and talking with each other.

You can use Zoom through your computer or laptop or smart phone or tablet.

Go to zoom.us to sign up

You will download the software to your device

There is a place to do a test meeting on your computer making sure it is working properly and you understand the couple of things you have to do.

It is really quite simply and works very easily. If you have any questions, feel free to call the church and leave a message. I or someone will get back with you and help you set it up.

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - June 14	4,365.00

This week we received:

28 envelopes and 1 new Give+ payments made from our website

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