



**Come to me,
all who labor and
are heavy laden,
and I will
give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Welcome to Grace! In this uncertain and challenging time, we are so very happy that we are finding a way to continue to worship. Whether you are following along with the YouTube or Facebook videos live or participating later, or leading your own worship using this bulletin as a guide, my prayer is that you are discovering a deeper connection with God, are feeling connected to the Body of Christ, and are inspired to ***share God's love so that everyone is served and supported.***

Some might be wondering, ***how is this type of worship supposed to work?*** These are new and uncharted waters for all of us so here are a couple of ideas about how to follow along and participate in worship:

1. Set up a worship space in your home. It doesn't have to be fancy, though certainly can be! Find a candle that you can light while worshipping. Put out a nice table cloth. Get a bowl with water so that you can remember your baptism. Come up with other ideas too!
2. Download and print this bulletin so that you can follow along at home. Don't have a working printer? Open two internet windows side-by-side on a computer or tablet.
3. Watch the YouTube or Facebook video together with others in your household. Do I need a YouTube or Facebook account? While it is helpful, accounts are not necessary for accessing the worship services on either platform.

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranChurchBoone/>

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Over time, we are going to work on enhancing the video, audio and other parts of the online worship experience.

What happened to Communion? You will notice that we do not have Communion in our online worship services. This is based on our Lutheran theological understanding of the sacrament, specifically, the need to have a live gathering of God's people. We are now providing digital Communion worship services via Zoom once a month until we are able to gather in person together. The next Communion Worship will be July 22nd at 7pm.

Dear Grace Family,

My prayers are with each and every one of you as we walk together during this time. I hope that you are taking care of yourselves and each other by remaining in your homes and practicing "social distancing." Despite our distance, I feel your love and support as we navigate this road together. This is one of the things that makes Grace such a special place! Through it all, I believe that God is with us and that God's spirit of love weaves us together in a community that connects us even when we are apart. This is the promise we cling to and this is the promise that makes it possible to continue to find hope even in the most challenging of situations. My prayer is that our worship today might provide an opportunity for us to hear God's message of unconditional love and challenge us to answer the call to share God's love each and every day!

- Pastor Steve

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Come Follow Me, The Savior Spake" arr. by Fridrich Wilhelm Markull*

Please hold a time of quiet prayer and reflection.

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - "We Give Thee but Thine Own" 686 ELW



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠WORD✠

Please be seated.

READING : Zachariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - "How Clear is Our Vocation Lord" 580 ELW



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - fresh - ed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

APOSTLES' 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 to the dead.***

**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.**

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

✠THANKSGIVING✠

Please be seated.

OFFERING – “Offertory” arr. by John Ness Beck

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Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
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.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

✘ 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.

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SENDING HYMN – *“Light Dawns on a Weary World”* 726 ELW



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“America”* arr. by Carol Doran

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BUDGET REPORT

Income and spending report through May 31, 2020

May Giving	May Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
22,695.98	25,000	228,509.33	225,000.00

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Readings for July 12th

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65 [1-8] 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23