



Grace Lutheran Church

Providence Valley Lutheran Church

9:30am ~ October 25th, 2020 ~ Pentecost 21

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The Gathering

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another... Faithful God, 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 judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: 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 KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Oh Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Word

The Psalm

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-36

Response P: The holy gospel according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Response P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

“With All Your Heart”

“Love the Lord your God...love your neighbor - *Matthew 22*

The Offering

*Baskets are placed in the entryways for your offering to be placed.
Thank you for your shared support of our ministry.*

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, please respond with... C: Lord, hear our prayer.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: 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.

The Sending

*THE BLESSING

*THE SENDING SONG

"We are Called"

**Come, live in the light Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom To live in the freedom of the city of God**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another To walk humbly with God**

**Come, open your heart Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless So all hatred and blindness will be no more (Refrain)**

**Sing, sing a new song Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other As sisters and brothers united in love
(Refrain)**

The ushers will dismiss you as you leave you today.
Thank you for worshipping with us at Grace!!

THE POSTLUDE

This Week at Grace & Providence: October 25th – November 1st

Sunday, October 25th

No Sunday School due to DB Schools moving to hybrid model.

8:30am 92.1FM Worship Broadcast

9:30am Grace Worship Service

10:45am Providence Valley Worship

2:30pm Confirmation Service

Monday, October 26th

7:00pm Ruth Circle

Wednesday, October 27th

2:00pm Ch. 8 TV Broadcast

3:15pm 5th grade First Communion

3:30pm 7th & 8th grade Confirmation

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Announcements

- ∞ **The Worship Bulletins** are given in memory of Tim Lee's Birthday on October 23rd from Bob & Marlene Lee.
- ∞ **The Radio and Online Worship Broadcasts** are given in honor of Noah Borstad's baptismal anniversary today from Tim & Ann Borstad.

Prayer Concerns

- ✠ Butch Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Olivia Baldwin, Tom Beals, Todd & Arlys Buer, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Carol Fleharty, Wilton & Madeline Gustafson, Monica Kennedy, Sharla Kruger, Evelyn Lundgren, Brad Madsen, Julie Miron, Jeff Moe, Jeanne Peterson, John Peterson, Pat Saltness, Lauren Thoen, Bonnie Westfield, David Tollakson, Ames Wager, Deb Lewis, Kenneth Paradis, Sam Maass, Charlie Pearson, Mickie Miller, Mary Schommer, & Eloise Ronning
- ✠ The families of Delores Halvorson, Ed Hadwin, and Theresa Fonkert

✠ John Lund has returned safely from his duty overseas. Thank-you John for your service.

No Sunday School

October 25th & November 1st: No Sunday School due to DB Schools moving to the Hybrid Model. Home Lesson Packets were sent home with the kids last Sunday and can also be picked up in the east entry at Grace.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will be held Monday, October 26th at 7:00pm. Coffee will be served. Please wear a mask.

Sunday School Christmas at Grace

We will miss the opportunity to gather as we have in the past to celebrate our traditional Sunday School Christmas Program. The leaders and staff are looking for ways in which we might celebrate the Advent and Christmas season and we are requesting your assistance.

For our Sunday School Christmas program this year, we are asking that you visit with your child about offering a song (solo or small group of 2-4 children) or, offer a reading that could be implemented into our program on December 13th. If your child(ren) is/are willing to help we will be in contact with you about suggestions that we might offer for songs and/or readings. Please contact us by **November 1st** so that we can begin putting our program together.

First Communion

The second First Communion class for this year's 5th Grade class will be held Wednesday, October 28th from 3:15-6:00pm. Masks are required. Please have your student bring a snack for themselves, \$5 for supper, and their bibles. Parents are asked to attend a meeting a short meeting with their child on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00pm.

Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Pastors are God's gifts to His people and are worthy of recognition for their willing and faithful service. Our ministry at Grace is a partnership of Pastor Kendall and lay people – each helping the other to be effective in witness and work for Christ. In our appreciation for Pastor Kendall, we strengthen the team God has put together to serve Him in their community. By showing appreciation we return some of the love, concern, and ministry Pastor Kendall has given us. **Thank you Pastor Kendall for all you do!**