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Service of the Word

Gathering

Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause)*

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: Amen.

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C: Amen.

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.

Gathering Songs

“My Lighthouse”

*In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

Refrain:

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) ; Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings with each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
(Refrain x2)*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. ² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! ³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they

thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Unbound and Unbinding”

“I am the resurrection and the life.”-John 11:25

Hymn of the Day

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Hymn No 631

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,



1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -



1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -



1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

*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.

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, please respond with "Lord, Hear our prayer"

Thanksgiving

Offering

It is a blessing to have you listening or watching with us this morning. Offerings are given as an act of worship for those who consider Grace Lutheran or Providence Valley Lutheran their home congregation. Visitors should not feel obligated to give an offering for our ministry. During this time of uncertainty, our congregations still rely on the gracious giving of our members. Grace Lutheran has options to give online via our website, gracedawson.org under the Online Giving tab or you can download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Give +" in your App Store and set up your account! As a reminder to Thrivent Financial members, please direct your Choice Dollars to Grace or Providence by March 31, 2020. Donations for Grace or Providence can be brought to the Grace Church Office at any time. Offerings can also be mailed to: Grace Lutheran Church PO Box 549 Dawson, MN 56232; Providence Valley Lutheran Church 2495 120th Street Dawson, MN 56232. Contact the office for help with any of these options.

*Offertory Hymn

"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"

Hymn No 336

Lamb Of God

Words and Music by Twila Paris

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have
 (2. Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and
 (3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have

3 Am Fmaj7 C/E Gsus G Am Fmaj7 C/E
 sent Him from Your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died. The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and

6 Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G/B F/A C/G
 sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God. 2. Your gift of
 fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 rod, and to be called a lamb of

9 C Am Fmaj7 G/F C/E C
 God. Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the
 God.

12 Am Fmaj7 C/E Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Coda
 ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious

2nd time to Coda

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

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.

Sending

***Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song**

"Whom Shall I Fear?"

***You hear me when I call, You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?***

***You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my Sword and Shield though trouble linger still
Whom shall I fear?***

(Chorus)

***I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a Friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side.***

***My strength is in Your name for You alone can save
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?***

(Chorus)

{Bridge}-(X 2)

***And nothing formed against me shall stand, You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding onto Your promises, You are faithful You are faithful***

(Chorus X 2)

The God of Angel armies is always by my side

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Chris Lehne, Organist

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This Week at Grace

Sunday, March 29–

8:30 Contemporary Worship Live Radio Broadcast

Monday, March 30–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Tuesday, March 31–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

1:00 Dawson Area Food Shelf Open

Wednesday, April 1–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

8:00 Lenten Worship Radio Broadcast

Thursday, April 2–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Friday, April 3–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Saturday, April 4–

Sunday, April 5–

8:30 Traditional Worship Live Radio Broadcast

Lenten Worship Activities

Wednesdays–

8:00pm Lenten Worship Service Radio Broadcast

Sundays–

8:30am Live Worship Radio Broadcast

8:00pm Worship Radio Broadcast

Thursday, April 9–Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 10–Good Friday

Sunday, April 12–Easter Sunday

Holy Week & Easter services are currently unknown. We are working with other area churches to possibly do some ecumenical online services and do our best to keep the spirit of this most important holiday alive!

Announcements

Keep in mind during this time of uncertainty that any and all events are subject to change with little or no notice. Please stay safe and healthy!

*Student Meal pickup will take place at our East Entrance from 11:00-12:00 M-F. Pick up will be lunch and the next day's breakfast. (This could change in the coming days)

*Dawson Area Food Shelf will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 1-4:00pm. We have extra safety measures in place. Please read signs as you come in.

*Worship services will air on 92.1FM on Wednesdays at 8 pm & Sundays at 8:30 am. Bulletins will be posted on our website. Please contact the church office if you need a Sunday bulletin delivered to you. Sunday worship will live stream at 8:30 am also.

*There are volunteers available to run errands/bring meals to those who do not feel safe leaving their homes right now. Please contact the church office if you need assistance.

* We open our hearts to those who will be financially impacted during this time. There are resources available. We have volunteers ready to make meals and bring donations. Please contact the church office. We are praying for you and your families' continued safety and well-being.

*With that being said, we, as a church, will also continue to rely on the gracious giving of our members. Your offerings can be given online: gracedawson.org or by mail: PO Box 549, Dawson MN. We ask that you don't bring your offering to the office if you are not feeling well.

We can't thank you all enough for your kindness and understanding through all of this. We have witnessed many of you opening your hearts and truly loving your neighbors. It is a blessing to see so many of you living the Gospel in your daily lives. We will continue to keep you updated as we know more.

Worship Opportunities

Worship will still continue to be broadcast over the radio at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Lenten Worship Services will air over the radio at 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Video of each worship will also be available on both the Grace and Providence websites. Bulletins will be available for download in the

Synod Assembly

The Southwest Minnesota Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has released its Synod Assembly information! This year's assembly will be held Friday, June 12th-Saturday, June 13th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter with the theme "God is near you NOW." To help represent our congregation along with Pastor Kendall and Intern Pastor JoHanna, contact the office!

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