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*We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today, and we look forward to all the Lord will do in this service. Today is a very special day as we take some time during the service to honor those who are about to graduate high school this year, so please join us in honoring them.*

## *Class of 2020 Virtual Graduating Senior Recognition Service*

### *Gathering*

Prelude

*Chris Lehne, Organist*

Welcome & Announcements

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

**C: Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 Song

***“Breathe”***

*This is the air I breathe; This is the air I breathe; Your holy presence living in me  
This is my daily bread; This is my daily bread; Your very word spoken to me  
And I I'm desperate for you; And I I'm lost without you*

*Repeat*

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

*Acts 17:22-31*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor<sup>[a]</sup> he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God<sup>[b]</sup> and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 66:8-20*

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, <sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; <sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. <sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, <sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. <sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. <sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. <sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

*“Alleluia”*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

\*Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**“It’s Not Goodbye”**

*“You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.” -John 14:17b*

Hymn of the Day

**“Loving Spirit”**

*Hymn № 397*

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—  
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,  
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:  
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 hoist me up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

\*Creed

P: 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, 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.**

# *Thanksgiving and Blessing for the Dawson Boyd High School Graduating Class of 2020*

*- Members of Providence Valley Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church*

## *Class of 2020*

*Josh Anyasike, son of Dr. Mike & Irene Anyasike*

*Lillie Barren, daughter of Amy Parrow*

*Alyssa Cam, daughter of Brian & Toni Cam*

*Romel Horton, parents Cleveland and Adriana Horton and Kendall & Emily Stelter*

*Alissa Johnson, daughter of Becky Johnson*

*Megan Loose, daughter of Jeff & Gretchen Loose*

*Samantha Peterson, daughter of Doug & Rene Peterson*

*Kobe Spencer, son of BobbiJo Spencer*

*Brenden Stulz, son of Rick & Nicole Stulz*

*Kylie Wendinger, daughter of Brad & DeAnn Wendinger*

*Morgan Wente, daughter of Mike & Kelly Wente*

*Georgia Will, daughter of Jason & Bonnie Will*

**P:** At this time, we are delighted to honor this year's seniors, their parents and guardians. We celebrate this next step in your lives with the High School Graduation Milestone. We encourage you and all of us to continue the faith practices of caring conversations, devotions and service to build rituals and traditions in all our homes as a way of life. For these graduates, we encourage these practices to be part of your lives even while you are away.

On this important day, the day when we honor your leaving high school and stepping into new ventures, we ask God's blessing for you and are reminded of this verse from Jeremiah 29:11, "I will bless you with a future filled with home- a future of success, not of suffering." To serve as a reminder as you continue on your faith journey, our Youth Board has delivered a quilt for each of you.

Parents/guardians and congregation, we ask that you make a commitment to lift up, talk about, equip and pray for the ongoing faith journey of these young people. Will you commit to this support? If so answer, "We will and we ask God to help us."

**Parents/Guardians and Congregation: We will and we ask God to help us.**

**P:** Let us pray. God of creation, pour out your Spirit on these students as they enter a new period of life and faith. Bless these seniors as they begin new ventures as faithful people, hearing your words, responding in thankfulness by proclaiming your love and grace through words and deeds, and serving all people while doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. We pray all this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **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](http://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 anytime.*

*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

**“Oceans”**

*You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep  
My faith will stand*

*And...*

*(Chorus)*

*I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand  
Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now*

*So...*

*(Chorus)*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior*

*(repeat 3 times)*

*(Chorus)*

\*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.**

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

\*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, May 17–***

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

### ***Monday, May 18–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

### ***Tuesday, May 19–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

1:00 Dawson Area Food Shelf Open

### ***Wednesday, May 20–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

2:00 Channel 8 Worship TV Broadcast

7:00 PVLC Council Meeting

### ***Thursday, May 21–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

### ***Friday, May 22–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

### ***Saturday, May 23–***

### ***Sunday, May 24–***

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

## ***Announcements***

*All events scheduled at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches have  
been postponed and/or cancelled until further notice.*

*Please stay safe and healthy!*

### **Upcoming Scheduled Events**

-  The Youth Mission Trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation this summer has been cancelled.
-  Vacation Bible School has been postponed.

### **Worship Opportunities**

Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Video of each worship will be available on both the Grace and Providence websites, Grace's YouTube Channel and Wednesday afternoons on Channel 8. Bulletins will be available for download on the websites and for pick up in the main entry of the church. Please contact the office if you would like a bulletin delivered to you.

Also, visit the new "Grace & Providence Faith Connection" Facebook page throughout the week for devotions, prayers and other ideas to keep the faith in this time of uncertainty.

### **Help During These Unique and Difficult Times**

\*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](http://gracedawson.org) and [pvchurch.org](http://pvchurch.org) or by mail: Grace Lutheran Church - PO Box 549, Dawson MN and Providence Valley Lutheran Church 2495 120th St ~ 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.

