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In the afterglow of Easter, our happiness regarding the resurrection of our Lord continues. We welcome each of you and invite you to join in this joyful service of worship. As we gather to continue celebrating our Lord's resurrection, we're very pleased to welcome everyone here. We strive to be a congregation that accepts all people just as they are.

Virtual Service Gathering

Prelude

Chris Lehne, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

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.

Gathering Song

"Power of Your Love"

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed, Flowing from the grace that I've found in You. And, Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me. Will be stripped away by the power of your love.

Chorus:

*Hold me close, let your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle. And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of your love.*

*Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face, The knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as your will unfolds in my life In living every day in the power of your love.*

(Chorus 2x)

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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 10:1-10

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

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

*Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
 6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
 3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
 4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
 6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
 3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
 6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

***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.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition, please respond with “Hear our prayer”

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

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. There are options to give online via our websites, 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! 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

"One Thing Remains"

Chorus:

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me. (x3)

Your love. Your love.

***And it's higher than the mountains that I face. And it's stronger than the power of the grave.
And it's constant in the trial and the change. This one thing remains. This one thing remains. (Repeat)***

(Chorus)

Your love.

***And on and on and on and on it goes. Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I'll never, ever have to be afraid; this one thing remains. This one thing remains.***

(Chorus)

Your love.

***In death, in life, I'm confident I'm covered by the pow'r of Your great love.
My debt is paid; there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love!***

(Chorus)

Your love, Your love, Your love, Your unfailing love!

*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 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way,
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

*Dismissal
Postlude

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!
Chris Lehne, Organist

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This Week at Grace

Sunday, May 3–

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

Monday, May 4–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Tuesday, May 5–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

1:00 Dawson Area Food Shelf Open

Wednesday, May 6–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

2:00 Channel 8 Worship TV Broadcast

3:30 Jr. High Confirmation Zoom Meeting

Thursday, May 7–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Friday, May 8–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Saturday, May 9–

Sunday, May 10–

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

Announcements

Keep in mind during this time of uncertainty that events are subject to change with little or no notice. All events at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches have been postponed and/or cancelled until further notice.

Please stay safe and healthy!

Upcoming Scheduled Events

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

Confirmation Classes

The last 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation class for the year will be Wednesday, May 6th at 3:30 on the Zoom app. A reminder and link will be emailed and posted on Facebook.

Student Meal Pickup

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. These meals are for all children birth-18 years. To sign up, see the school website (www.dawsonboyschools.org) or contact the school office at 320-769-2955.

Food Shelf

Dawson Area Food Shelf will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 1-4:00pm. We have extra safety measures in place. Please call the church office to order before arriving at 320-769-4394.

The food box located behind First Presbyterian Church is open 24/7. Give when you can and take when you need.

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.

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