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## ***June 28, 2020 ~ Pentecost 4***

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of the sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

### ***Service of the Word***

#### ***The Gathering***

Prelude

*Chris Lehne*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: 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.**

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 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 Gathering Song

### *“Our God”*

**Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind there's no one like You, none like You!  
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise there's no one like You! None like You!**

**CHORUS: Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God You are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!**

**Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise there's no one like You! None like You!**

CHORUS X 2

**BRIDGE: And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us,  
then what could stand against. And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.  
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against. What could stand against.**

CHORUS X 2

BRIDGE

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## The Prayer of the Day

**P: Let us pray, C: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy  
reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### *The Word*

## The First Reading

### *Genesis 22:1-14*

**A**fter these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## The Second Reading

*Romans 6:12-23*

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## The Gospel Acclamation

*“Alleluia”*

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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.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 10:40-42*

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

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Message

*“Asking Good Questions in Trust”*

*“He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”.” Genesis 22:8*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live, a place where  
Saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;**

**(Refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus**

**(Refrain)**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

**(Refrain)**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger**

**(Refrain)**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter**

**(Refrain)**

**The Apostles' 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**

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

## *The Offering*

### \*The Offertory Song

#### *“Way Maker”*

You are here, moving in our midst I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place I worship You, I worship You (X2)

(CHORUS) (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are (X2)

You are here, touching every heart I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, turning lives around I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart I worship You, I worship You, oh  
(CHORUS)

(BRIDGE) That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are That is who You are(X2)

Even when I don't see it, You're working Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working You never stop, You never stop working

(CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

### \*The 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.**

### \*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

### \*Sending Song

#### *“This is My Father's World”*

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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: Oh let me not forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## 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!*

*The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by the Memorial Fund.*

### **Worship Opportunities**

*Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at **our summer worship time at 9:00am on Sundays**. 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.*

***In person worship** will begin at Providence for joint worship on July 1<sup>st</sup> 7PM*

*July 12<sup>th</sup> at Providence Valley 9am*

*July 19<sup>th</sup> at Providence Valley 9am*

*Online/Radio worship opportunities will remain in place at this time for Grace Lutheran until further notice.*

### **Tithes & Offerings**

*Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) or [pvlchruch.org](http://pvlchruch.org), simply click on the "Give Online" tab at the top of the homepage. Or even easier, download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Give +" in your App Store and set up your account! And Grace Lutheran now has TEXT OFFERING! Simply text your offering amount to 800-675-7430!*

*Your offerings can also be mailed to:*

*Grace Lutheran Church – PO Box 549 - Dawson, Mn 56232 or*

*Providence Valley Lutheran Church - C/O 2722 100th Street - Dawson, MN 56232*

***Thank you for your continued support over the past several months, both financially and spiritually.***

### **Congregational Survey**

*As we begin to make decisions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we thank you for taking time to fill out our congregational survey for Providence and Grace. Leadership teams from both Grace and Providence reviewed the completed surveys and made their decisions with the goal of protecting and caring for the safety of our members. At this time, while continuing our online and radio presence for worship, Providence will host a joint midweek worship on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM following safe practices for worship gatherings recommended by the CDC, the state, and local health professionals. We are asking that those in attendance practice social distancing, utilize hand sanitizer, and we also encourage wearing face masks. Singing and responsive liturgy will be at a minimum due to the high risk of transmission with these activities. We encourage are membership to stay at home when they are not feeling well.*

### **In our prayers**

*Butch Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Olivia Baldwin, Tom Beals, Todd & Arlys Buer, Gloria Burg, Ken Club, Jack Flayton, Carol Fleharty, Wilton & Madeline Gustafson, MaryAnn Heinrich, Blanche Jordahl, Monica Kennedy, Sharla Kruger, John Lund, Evelyn Lundgren, Brad Madsen, Julie Miron, Jeff Moe, Dexter Nelson, Kristi Peterson-Tomas, Pat Saltness, Mike Stangeland, Lauren Thoen, Joanne Trader, Larry Trader, Donna Weidenback, Bonnie Westfield, the family of Tom Erickson and the family of Debbie Clark (cousin of Jon and DuWayne Stratmoen).*