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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.

**1 O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright; on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.**

**2 On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious,
the Spirit sent from heav'n; and thus on you, most glorious,
a three-fold light was giv'n.**

**3 Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls; to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls, where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams, and living water flowing
with soul refreshing streams.**

**4 New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest. We sing to you our praises, o Father, Spirit, Son;
the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.**

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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will
cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to
the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your
prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare
that I will restore to you double.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if
I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that
dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is
right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if
I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law
that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost
self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law
of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God,
but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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 11:16-19, 25-30

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

"**B**ut to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

“Falling into Rhythms of Grace”

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 10:38

Song of the Day

“When Long Before Time”

Nº 861

**When long before time and the worlds were begun,
 when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
 and even our Maker had only a dream.**

**The silence was broken when God sang the Song,
 and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
 and with its first birthcries creation was born,
 and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.**

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the song;
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God is with us in the world now as then.

The Light has returned as it came once before;
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise;
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise;
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.

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

The Offering

*The Offertory Song

"Come Just As You Are"

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are- Come and see, (come and see), come, receive, (come, receive)

Come and live, (come and live) forever.

Chorus: Life everlasting, and strength for today,

Taste the Living Water and never thirst again.

(Repeat all then repeat chorus then verse)

*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**

"I Am Free"

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**Through You the blind will see; Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise; Through You our hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees; Through You my heart screams I am free**

**Chorus: I am free to run (I am free to run)
I am free to dance (I am free to dance)
I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)
I am free (I am free) Yes, I am free**

**Through You the kingdom's come; Through You the battle's won
Through You I'm not afraid; Through You the price is paid
Through You there's victory; Because of You my heart screams I am free**

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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.

Sympathies to the family of Kristi Michaelson. Graveside service will be held July 11th at 1:30pm in Dawson.

Thank you to the Agape Singers for our special music today.

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 1st 7PM*

July 12th at Providence Valley 9am

July 19th at Providence Valley 9am

Please be mindful we are 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.

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

***Midweek Communion** services will resume beginning on Tuesday, July 7th at 2:00pm in Grace Hall.*

***Riverside Manor Communion** worship resumed in June and will meet again on July 9th at 9:30am. These gatherings could also change with future recommendations.*

***Circle groups, bible studies, and board meetings** can resume as desired by the group while staying within the recommended guidelines. For a copy of the guidelines please contact the church office. Please notify staff of any gatherings within the church building so we can prepare adequately.*

Thank you all for your input with these decisions and your understanding as our leadership begins to move forward during this time.

Tithes & Offerings

Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, gracedawson.org or 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 "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" 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.

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).