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## ***August 16, 2020 ~ Pentecost 11***

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite women in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around the word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

### ***Service of the Word Online Worship***

#### ***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.**

**Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery, We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history, Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the kingdom and now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone**

### The Prayer of the Day

**P: Let us pray, C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.  
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your  
name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### *The Word*

#### The First Reading

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

#### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### The Second Reading

*Psalms 67:1-7*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Selah) <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. <sup>7</sup> May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

#### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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 15:10-28*P: The holy gospel according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup> He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Message

*"On Perseverance and Partings"**"But he did not answer her at all." Matthew 15:23*

## Song of the Day

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"**Nº 705*

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
 crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
 for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
 for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.**

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

### 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... L: Hear us, O God,  
Cong: Save us we pray.*

### *The Offering*

### \*The Offertory Song

### *"It is Well"*

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

**Refrain: It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain**

### \*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*

Intern Blessing and Presentations (See Insert)

The Blessing

\*Sending Song

### *“Every Day”*

**What to say, Lord? It's You who gave me life and I can't explain just how  
Much You mean to me now; That You have saved me, Lord; I give all that I am to You  
That everyday I could be a light that shines Your name**

**Everyday, Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your word And I pray that I  
Might come to know You more that You would guide me in every single step I take, that  
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world**

**Chorus: Everyday, it's You I live for; Everyday, I'll follow after You  
Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

**Everyday, Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your word  
A I pray that I might come to know You more  
That You would guide me in every single step I take, that  
Everyday I can be Your light unto the word Chorus**

**It's You I live for, everyday; It's You I live for, everyday  
It's You I live for, everyday; It's You I live for, everyday Chorus**

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## Announcements

Please check all scheduled events weekly at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches as we are making decisions about meetings and gatherings each week. Please stay safe and healthy!

**The Radio and Online Worship Broadcasts** are sponsored by the staff of Grace Church in honor of Pastor JoHanna and her family.

**Join us in celebrating** our newest member in the body of Christ. Thomas Jeffrey Holden, son of Mike & Janiel Holden, was baptized during a private service on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Tommy's sponsors are Nathan & Jesi Martinson. Please keep Thomas and his family in your prayers as we celebrate God's gift of grace in Holy Baptism for him.

**Please watch for a fall worship survey** coming out online and in our next newsletter. This will help us in planning Sunday School and Worship times.

**Children in Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade** are invited to join us for Outdoor Vacation Bible School starting tomorrow, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> each night from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Please contact the church office to register.

### **Fore! Mission Golf Tournament**

Grace Lutheran's 2020 Golf Scramble will be held August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm to support our youth ministries, mission and community service projects! Pick up a registration form in the Narthex or the Office to register as a golfer or to help support this event in various other ways! Registration is \$100 per team of 4. Sponsor a hole, and your name or business will appear at the tee box or putting green of a hole the day of the tournament. You will also receive recognition on players information packets that will be given out before the tournament. Donate a gift certificate, gift or cash donation, and your name or business will appear at the contest site locations and you will receive recognition at the end of the tournament when prizes for longest drive, closest to the hole, top teams and last teams are given. If your business donates or sponsors, you will receive half off of your team registration if you or members of your company are golfing in the tournament. Register at [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) or by contacting the church office via Facebook Messenger, emailing [gracelut@farmerstel.net](mailto:gracelut@farmerstel.net), or by calling [320-769-4394](tel:320-769-4394). Another way to support this event is to register as a Phantom Golfer. As a Phantom Golfer, you can enjoy our delicious meal and take in the events of the day! A catered, free-will donation, meal will be held for all registered golfers. All proceeds will support our general missions at grace Lutheran Church!

**Announcing the continuation of in-person worship at Grace.** The elected leadership at Grace has made the decision to begin in-person, Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary at 9AM. Beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, the following in person schedule will take place.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Worship at both Providence and Grace**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Grace** – Intern Pastor JoHanna Farewell reception in courtyard following worship

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Providence**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Grace**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>: 9AM Joint worship at Providence**

**August and September Sunday morning schedule will follow Safe gathering practices with facemask and social distancing required at all services.** We will continue to offer our online worship services posted on our Facebook and YouTube pages for members and friends who wish to continue the worship at home practices. **Anyone in need of a pastoral or communion visit** can contact the church office at 320-769-4394 or 320-841-2206. The pastors or staff would be happy to make a home visit with you utilizing safe gathering practices.

### **Other 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.

**Joint Worship** services will be held alternating between Providence and Grace at 9:00am. Please be mindful of the worship schedule.

**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](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 "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, Monica Kennedy, Sharla Kruger, John Lund, Evelyn Lundgren, Brad Madsen, Julie Miron, Jeff Moe, Jeanne Peterson, Kristi Peterson-Tomas, Pat Saltness, Mike Stangeland, Lauren Thoen, Joanne Trader, Larry Trader, Donna Weidenback, & Bonnie Westfield, David Tollakson, & Ames Wager.*