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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.

The Gathering Song

“10,000 Reasons”

(Chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before.
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning Its time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Le me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

I'll worship Your holy name
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your Praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore
(Chorus x2)
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Psalm 67:1-7

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³ On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message

"Love for the Ragged"

"Jesus answered, 'Blessed are you, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.'" Matthew 16:17

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

Leader: Hear our prayer... Congregation: "Your Steadfast love endures forever."

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.

The Offering

*The Offertory Song

“Who You Say I Am”

**Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am**

**Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am**

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

**I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am (Repeat)**

**I am who You say I am Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am**

**I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am (x3)**

**Oh, I am who You say I am Yes, I am who You say I am
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am**

*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

“Blessed Be Your Name”

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful;
Where Your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name; When I'm found in the desert place;
Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed be Your name**

**(Chorus) Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
“Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name.”**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering; Blessed be Your name. (Chorus)**

**“Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name.”**

**You give and take away; You give and take away
My heart will choose to say: “Lord, blessed be Your name.” (repeat)
“Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name.**

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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 Broadcast is sponsored by Keith and Gail Nelson in memory of Edgar Schwartz's birthday on August 28th.

The Bulletins are given in honor of Tenley Brown's Baptismal Anniversary from Tim and Ann Borstad.

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

(Today) August 23rd: 9AM Joint worship at Providence Valley

August 30th: 9AM Joint worship at Grace

September 6th: 9AM Joint worship at Providence Valley

August and September Sunday morning schedule will follow Safe gathering practices with facemask and social distancing required at all services.

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.

Anyone in need of a pastoral or communion visit can contact the church office at 320-769-4394 or 320-841-2206. Pastor Kendall or staff would be happy to make a home visit with you utilizing safe gathering practices.

Please watch for a fall worship survey coming out online and in our midyear giving statements. This will help us in planning Sunday School and Worship times.

Fore! Mission Golf Tournament

Grace Lutheran's 2020 Golf Scramble will be held August 26th 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 or by contacting the church office via Facebook Messenger, emailing 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!

Lifetouch Directory Photos

The spring photo day has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 4th. Please contact Emily at Grace Lutheran or Sandy Perhson at Providence Valley if you had an appointment for the spring date or if you would like to be on the waiting list.

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.

Midweek Communion: September 8th 2:00pm in Grace Hall.

Riverside Manor Communion: September 10th at 9:30am.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th grade will begin on September 16th. They will meet Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm in Grace Hall. Masks will be required.

The 10th grade confirmation students will meet Wednesday, August 26th at 10:00am and on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 and drive to P.K. Egan's. Faith Statement Sunday is scheduled for October 11th and Confirmation Sunday on October 25th.

First Communion

First Communion classes for last year's 4th graders has been scheduled for Sunday, November 8th. Parents will be receiving information on classes in the mail.

Vanco Faith Mobile

Download our new worship app! The way we come together to worship today is different but we are still a community.

This app to let you know about upcoming events, share news about our community and speak directly with you. You can use Vanco Mobile to communicate with church staff and fellow members, get involved in our many ministries and express generosity through eGiving.

We encourage you to join our church's app, Vanco Mobile. You can download the app for free at the Apple App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, simply open the app and search for our church name.

Tithes & Offerings

Grace and Providence Valley Lutheran Churches have options to give online! On our websites, gracedawson.org or pvchruch.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](tel: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!