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We welcome you to worship at Grace and greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Service of the Word Online Worship

The Gathering

Prelude

Chris Lehne

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another... Faithful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; And grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

**The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be; As long as life endures. Chorus**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine.

**But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine, will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray, **C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Word

The First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

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

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Response P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

*The Hymn of the Day

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Nº 659

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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: Lord in your mercy.... **Congregation: “Hear our prayer**

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, Bonnie Westfield, David Tollakson, Ames Wager, Deb Lewis, Doug Pearson, Kenneth Paradis, Jim Bakken, & Eloise Ronning
The family of Arlyn Lopau

The Offering

*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 and Sending Song

*Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me
(Chorus)*

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah
When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me
(Chorus)*

*There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me (Repeat 3 times)
(Chorus)*

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From Bob & Marlene Lee

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This Week at Grace & Providence Valley September 20th –September 27th

Sunday, September 20th

9:00am KLQP 92.1FM Radio Broadcast Worship

9:00am Worship at Grace

10:00am Grace Congregational meeting

10:45am Providence Valley Worship

Wednesday, September 23rd

2:00pm Ch. 8 TV Broadcast

3:30pm 7th & 8th grade confirmation class

6:00pm 10th grade confirmation in Grace Hall

Friday, September 25th

6:00pm Layton Listul Baptism

Saturday, September 26th

2:00pm Max Wollschlager Baptism

5:00pm Elizabeth Hillstrom & Erik Borgos Wedding in Spicer, MN

Sunday, September 26th

8:45am Sunday School

8:45am YAP meeting - **only** 7th grade

9:30am Grace Worship Service

- 3 year old Bible Presentation

- Kohen Knutson Baptism

10:45am Providence Valley Worship Service

10:45am Waylon Reel Baptism - Grace Hall Reserved

Face masks are required at all indoor events. Please practice social distancing guidelines

Online services are available to view on Grace's Youtube channel, pvlchurch.org, gracedawson.org, and our Facebook pages.

Spring & Fall Combined Congregational Meeting

We will meet in the sanctuary following 9:00am worship today for our 2020 spring and Fall Congregational meeting.

Fall Worship Schedule and Sunday School at Grace Lutheran

Worship & Sunday School Guidelines

- Sunday School and In-person worship will continue as long as Dawson-Boyd Schools are “In-person”.

- If the school changes to a “Hybrid” model, we will still have in-person worship but no Sunday School.

- If the school moves to distance learning, there will be no Sunday School or in-person worship.

Our Current Fall Schedule beginning 9-27-20: **8:30am** 92.1FM Radio Broadcast (This will be a recording of the previous week’s service with updated announcements) **8:45am-9:20am:** Sunday School at Grace Lutheran: Students can be dropped off at the courtyard (parking lot area) and will go with their teachers to their classrooms. We will not be gathering for snack/music time but will have pre-packaged snacks in their classroom. Pre-K will not be required to wear masks ; K-6 please wear your masks in the building. **8:45am-9:20am:** Coffee Fellowship Time in Grace Hall The LYO will provide coffee and individually wrapped snacks during fellowship time. **9:30am:** Worship at Grace Lutheran Church **10:45am:** Worship at Providence Valley Lutheran Church

Quilting will resume on Monday, September 21st at 9:00am. Masks will be required. There will be no lunch or coffee served.

September Circle Schedule: **Lydia Circle will not be meeting** **Ruth Circle:** Monday, September 28th at 7:00pm in Grace Hall. Coffee will be provided.

We're Still Collecting! We're collecting Donations for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits and School Kits **Items Needed for School Kit:** 70 Sheet Notebooks (Wide and College Ruled), 30 Centimeter Rulers, Personal Pencil Sharpeners, Child Safety Scissors, Unsharpened Pencils, Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens, Box of 16 or 24 Crayons, 2 ½" Erasers **Items Needed for Personal Care Kits:** Light-weight bath-size towel (Between 20"x40" and 52"x27" – Dark Colors Recommended), 8-9 oz. Bar Soaps, Adult Size Tooth Brushes (one in original packaging preferred), Sturdy Combs, Metal Nail Clippers

Small Group Gathering 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.