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*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

### ***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** Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
all be safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

**2** All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

**3** For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away,

give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

**4** Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;  
gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

### The Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray, **C:** Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### *The Word*

#### The First Reading

***Isaiah 44:6-8***

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup> Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

#### Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### The Second Reading

***Romans 8:12-25***

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

#### 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 13:24-30, 36-43*P: The holy gospel according to Matthew **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**H**e put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup> He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup> But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." "

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Message

*"Waiting on the World to Be Made New"**"Let both of them grow together until harvest..." -Matthew 13:30*

## Song of the Day

*"This is My Father's World"***Nº 824**

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er 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!**

## 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 "Your Mercy is Everlasting"*

### *The Offering*

#### \*The Offertory Song

#### **"You are Holy"**

*Echo: (Cong.)*

You are holy	(You are holy)
You are mighty	(You are mighty)
You are worthy	(You are worthy)
Worthy of praise	(Worthy of praise)
I will follow	(I will follow)
I will listen	(I will listen)
I will love you	(I will love you)
All of my days	(All of my days)

(Guys) I will sing to And worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
And I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore him  
And I will bow down before Him

(Girls) You are Lord of Lords; You are King of Kings  
You are mighty God; Lord of everything  
You're Emmanuel; You're the great "I AM"  
You're the Prince of Peace; Who is the Lamb  
You're the living God; You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever; You are ancient of days  
You're the Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and friend

**(Both:) You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you. (Repeat Song)**

#### \*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."**

**"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 Ken and Sandie Club in honor of church staff.*

## **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 on Sundays at Providence Valley Lutheran at 9:00am.*

*Midweek Communion services have resumed. Join us on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm in Grace Hall.*

*Riverside Manor Communion worship has resumed and will meet again on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.*

*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, MaryAnn Heinrich, 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, and Eric Windingstad*