

Pentecost 4 June 20, 2021

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Making Christ Known to all Through Grace

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# **WELCOME** to worship

Grace Lutheran Church, a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been at the heart of the faith community in Lincoln since 1889.

- We follow our mission: "Making Christ known to all through Grace."
- We celebrate our purpose: "That by God's grace we have been gathered to worship, called to witness, and sent to serve."
- We seek our vision: "To become a church with a passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging."

Thank you for worshipping with us today and join our community at any time!

### **WORSHIP** notes

Remember your response is marked in **BOLD** font.

**Hearing enhancement devices** are available in the entry space. Ask an usher to assist you.

**Restrooms** are located next to our chapel on the other side of the courtyard.

**Masks** are optional for fully vaccinated. Required for those NOT fully vaccinated.

# **INTRODUCTION** to worship

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

**GATHERING** 

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", Gospel variation, arr. A. Melang-Thoren

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

STAND

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** 

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

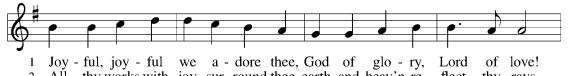
# God, our provider,

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.** 

# **GATHERING HYMN**

# Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays, 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

SIT

First Reading: Job 38:1-7

# A reading from Job:

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

When the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

A responsive reading from Psalm 107:

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>15</sup>Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Lord God, our light and our salvation, grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living, and that we may be set safely on the rock of our faith, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-3, 11-12

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**STAND** 

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41** 

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

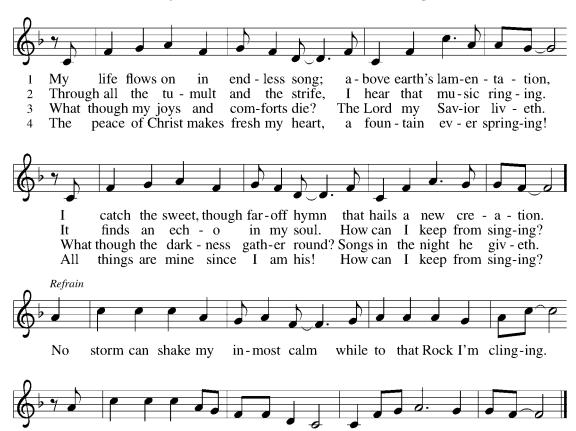
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT SERMON

STAND

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended to the living,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. We also pray for those we name before you now.... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

You dwell with us in this faith community. Grant us knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through us you may be exalted in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. Amen.

**MEAL** 

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

**MUSIC OFFERING:** "Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer", CWM Rhondda, John Hughes, 1873-1932, arr. Deanna Witkowski, 2016

#### STAND

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.** 

#### **DIALOG**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.** 

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come and receive the gifts of God for the people of God!

#### **COMMUNION**

Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the wafer (Body of Christ). Gluten free is available upon request. Move to the next station to receive the cup (Blood of Christ). Grape juice is available upon request. Return to your pew by way of the side aisle. Please dispose your used cup into the basket at the head of the side aisle.

#### **STAND**

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

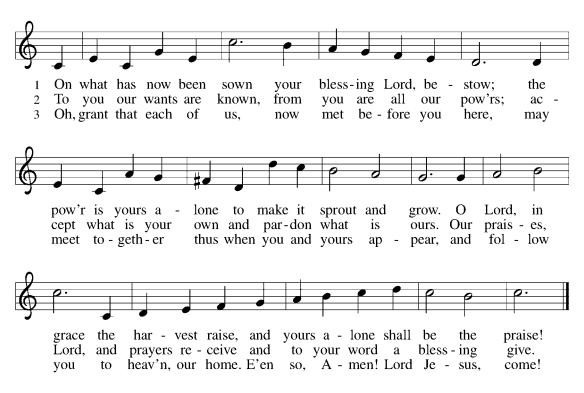
Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.** 

#### **SENDING**

God sends us in mission to the world.

#### SENDING HYMN

# On What Has Now Been Sown



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

# **BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  $\pm$  be upon you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", New Orleans variation, arr. A. Melang-Thoren

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#### **WORSHIP SERVANTS:**

Worship leader: Rev. Eric Lesher

Organist/Pianist: Ms. Anne Melang-Thoren

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Coffee hour** in the gym following worship.

**2021 Offering Envelope boxes** are available in the atrium after worship today or during the week.

**The Lutheran** magazine and **Daily Devotionals** are available in the narthex after worship or in the atrium during the week.

**Flower chart** is available in the atrium. You can sign up for flowers there and leave through the east main entrance.

# **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

June 21: Lincoln Literacy Lessons Boy Scouts	9:15 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm
June 22: Al-Anon Lessons	9:30 am 4:00 pm
June 23: Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am

June 24:	
Quilting	9:00 am
Lessons	1:30 pm
Lessons	4:30 pm
June 25	
Respite Care	5:45 pm
June 27:	
Worship	9:00 am
Lincoln Lutheran Choir	5:00 pm

# **WORSHIP RESTRICTIONS**

The following temporary changes will occur for the foreseeable future:

- As always, if you are ill or at risk, **please stay at home** and watch the service online.
- Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. Masks are required for those
  who are NOT fully vaccinated. Physical distancing restrictions have been lifted as well.
- **Please respect others** choice to wear a mask. There are those among us who have not been or cannot be fully vaccinated. There are also those among us who choose to continue wearing a mask.
- We will enter the building through the **North doors**. The doors will be locked at 9:10. All other doors will be locked.
- There will **hand sanitizers** in the narthex. If you wish you can sanitize your hands prior to entering the worship space.
- There will be **no offering**. There will be an offering basket located at the entrance door to the sanctuary.
- There will be **no sharing** of the peace.
- The presiding minister will greet you in the narthex after the postlude.
- There will be no assisting minister, reader, or acolyte
- There will be no nursery available.