

Grace Lutheran Church – 3.14.21

Our Mission: "Grace Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community called to gather, grow, and give together in Grace."

P: Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

C: Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your will. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of \dagger Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

GREETING

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you sent Moses to speak law to people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Luke 16:19-31

Reader: The Holy Gospel According to Luke

Congregation: The Gospel of the Lord

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

Hymn of the Day

APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: 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 into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

P: Lord in Your Mercy.

C: Hear our Prayer.

Sharing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Offering – If you are able to continue to support the church financially during this difficult time, we would be grateful. Options for electronic giving are on our website (gracelutheran1.org). If you need help using the online giving tools please contact Pastor Andy (pastor@gracelutheran1.org). Another option is to mail your offering directly to the church.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Generous God,

you set a table where we gather as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us every single day. As Christ has loved us in this meal, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Now may God live in you, name you his child, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

*catholic means universal/all Christians