**Grace Lutheran Church – 3.21.21**

*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, ╬ 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 ╬ 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, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. Show us your way of forgiveness, acceptance, and peace. So that we may see all people as your children. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel According to Luke

**Congregation:** The Gospel of the Lord

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

**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