**Grace Lutheran Church – 3.28.21**

*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, as Christ entered Jerusalem, we would ask that your Holy Spirit would enter our hearts. Give us the wisdom to trust that you are working in ways that we can and cannot see. We ask this through 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

29When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” 32So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34They said, “The Lord needs it.” 35Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” 39Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**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