

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- P God loves you all the time.
- C All the time God loves you.

Please stand as you are able.

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

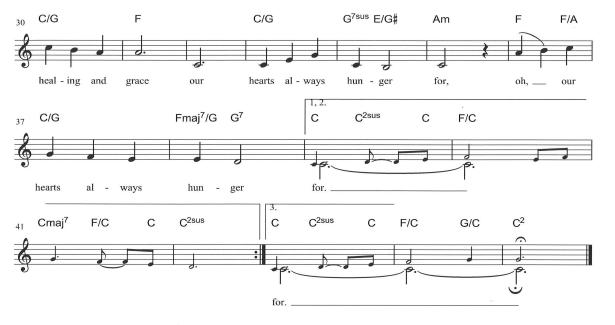
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P The almighty and merciful + Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.
- C Amen

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- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.





### **OPENING DIALOG**

- P You are the treasured people of the LORD,
- C a people holy to the LORD our God.
- P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
- C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.
- P One does not live by bread alone,
- C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Please be seated.

### THE PRAYERS

- P Show us your mercy, O Lord,
- C and grant us your salvation.
- P Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
- C Let your people sing with joy.
- P Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- C for only in you can we live in safety.
- P Lord, keep this nation under your care,
- C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- P Let your way be known upon earth;
- C your saving health among all nations.
- P Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
- C nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- P Create in us clean hearts, O God,
- C and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
- P Lord, we pray for those who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit,
- C Give them the healing, wholeness, and comfort of your presence.
- P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.
- C Amen
- P The God of glory,
  - 나 Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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 into hell.
  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 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.

#### READINGS

### Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-28

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

- P The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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## **MESSAGE**

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