

Sunday, October 20th, 2019
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion



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*** Please stand as your body allows.**

+GATHERING+



Welcome and Announcements



* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,



and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



*Gathering Hymn

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

#520



*Greeting

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

People: And also with you.



*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+WORD+



First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis

22The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm:

Psalm 121

1I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

2**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

3The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

4**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

5the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

6**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

7The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

8**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

A reading from 2 Timothy

14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be

proficient, equipped for every good work. 4:1In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

**Gospel Acclamation (Page 124)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

1Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" 6And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon



Hymn of the Day *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright* #745

**Apostles' Creed*

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*Prayers of Intercession
 Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
At conclusion: Amen.



***Sharing of Peace**

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Offering

*Offering Hymn *We Give Thee But Thine Own* #686 vv.1,2

*Offering Prayer



*The Great Thanksgiving

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**Holy, Holy, Holy*

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*Eucharistic Prayer

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*The Lord's Prayer

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Communion

Communion Hymns

#464, #465, #468, #471

*Table Blessing & Prayer after Communion

* Sending of Communion

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*Blessing

*Sending Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#742



*Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

We invite you to join us downstairs after service for social (coffee, donuts, cookies, juice for kids)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Those who are ill or in recovery: Fred Anderson, Ericka Javis, Lyle Klein, Amy Kromer, Zac MacKenzie, Byron Moren, Miriam Pucel, Renee Lassi, Doris Nelson, Diane Wiermaa Bonner, Jane Johnson, Eli "Butch" Kopperud, Tom Meyer, Terry Anderson, McGary family, Chester Ojala, Karla Visser, Brian Naykki, Jim Mason, Vicki Hall, Alice Moren, Shannon Stehman, and the families of Caroline Anderson and Bertha Boettjen.

*Those in the military and their families.

Please let the church office know if you would like to be included or include someone on the prayer list.

The Funeral for Bertha Boettjen will be on Saturday, Oct. 26th at Noon here at Grace Lutheran. *"Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and light perpetual shine on her."*

On Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday, we will be remembering those from Grace Lutheran who have died since last All Saints Sunday. We would like to extend a special invitation to those who seek to honor a loved one in this service. During the singing of the Gathering Hymn, the first hymn during worship, all will be invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one who has died. We will also remember each person in name in the prayers later in the service. Please let Pastor or someone in the office know if you desire to have the name of someone who died since last All Saints Sunday.

SINGERS COME!

Ely Area Christmas Choir Cantata

Rehearsals: Wednesday's 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church

Performance date: Sunday, Dec 8, 2:00pm at Washington Auditorium, 600 E. Harvey St.

***** CHILD CARE PROVIDED *****

Have questions? Contact

Patti (218)929-3214 or Donna (218)365-6320

Pastor Eric will be on vacation from Monday, October 14th through Monday, October 21st. For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Grace office (365-5605) and Pastor Corey Larson will be notified.

REMINDER Stewardship pledges are due back to Grace by **TODAY** October 20th. Thanks to everyone for their timely responses!

WELCA's Annual Silent Auction with Bake Sale: Sunday October 20th and concluded on Sunday October 27th. This Silent Auction always brings interesting, fun and practical items for you to bid on. We also add the yummy Bake Sale on Sunday October 27th. So search your home, cook up a storm or create a certificate. Any questions: call Candace Bischoff 612-723-5627

SOUTHWEST CHILI COOKOFF – NOV.3 AFTER SERVICE

Calling All Cooks! Looking for 3 to 4 people to cook their famous chili recipe! **Deadline to sign-up is Oct. 27th** – The sign-up sheet is on the office window, to participate in the cook off. Sign-up if you plan to attend and how many with you! Do not miss this event! There will be a freewill offering, the money will be donated by the winner to buy a farm in their name. Questions contact Curt VanDeen.

Confirmation news...Confirmation will meet in the Library October 9 through December 4th due to Ely Area Christmas Cantata Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

*****Grace Members please sign up to provide a meal for the Confirmands, sign up sheet on the office window******

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE.....

Tues., October 22

9am Quilting

Wed., Oct. 23

1:15pm Carefree Service

3pm Bible Study

5pm Choir

5:30pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

6pm Confirmation

Thurs., Oct. 24

3pm Finance Meeting

4:30pm Council Meeting

Fri., Oct. 26

4pm Beth Pottratz Wedding

Sun., Oct 27

Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

WELCA Silent Auction & Bake Sale

Today's Worship Leaders and "Amazing Grace" Participants:

Pastor: Larry Smith
Presider: Susan Smith
Organist: Barb Litchfield
Readers: Diane Thunhorst
Ushers: Dan Kirkman, Bob Jalonen
Greeters: Doug and Nancy McCreedy, Rosemarie Vejtasa
Altar: Jude Jalonen
Communion: Larry Smith,
Acolyte:

Readings for October 27, Reformation Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34,
Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36