

Welcome!

This is a resource for you to worship in your home—in your household of one or many, young or old—which can be used alongside the worship video (link provided below).

This bulletin includes links to additional resources, prompts to provoke a deeper response, and allows space for you to consider what is meaningful to you, to experience the Word of God within your own context in perhaps new ways.

Peace be with you during this time of “physical distancing” as we care for ourselves, one another, and the world through intentional practice.



Download this bulletin, then follow along with the worship video on Grace's YouTube channel: [Worship – August 2, 2020](#)



The prelude and postlude were written by a Syrian-born composer, Kareem Roustom, who now lives and works in the US. Both works are from a set of pieces called "Aleppo Songs," and they are depictions of some moments from what was once a beautiful city, but has now been nearly destroyed. This first piece depicts the sun rising on a new day.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2020

Worshipping Apart Together

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God wherever we find ourselves

WELCOME

PRELUDE

At the Dawn of the Day

Kareem Roustom

RINGING THE BELL



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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GREETING

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

And also with you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

*Five loaves and two fish
are never enough
until you start
giving it away.*

Dear God,
Remind me to
share
whatever
is in my basket
today.
You will do the rest.
Amen.

~ written by Rev. Karla Miller,
and posted on
A Place for Prayer.
[http://revqalprayerpals.
blogspot.ca/](http://revqalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/)

*After John the Baptist is
murdered, Jesus desires a time
of solitude. Still, his compassion
for others will not allow him to
dismiss those who need him, and
he is moved to perform one of
his greatest miracles.*

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for the Lord has glorified you.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A Small Needful Fact
by Ross Gay

Is that Eric Garner worked for some time for the Parks and Rec. Horticultural Department, which means, perhaps, that with his very large hands, perhaps, in all likelihood, he put gently into the earth some plants which, most likely, some of them, in all likelihood, continue to grow, continue to do what such plants do, like house and feed small and necessary creatures, like being pleasant to touch and smell, like converting sunlight into food, like making it easier for us to breathe.



SERMON

Amy Chatelaine, Grace Member and Seminarian

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds are Broken

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1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing; make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en-cour-age and re-new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Our Mother, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us into the world.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The postlude is a dance, much like what one would expect to hear at celebrations in Aleppo.

The composer, Roustom, has infused the music with beautiful moments inspired by music typically created for Arabic stringed instruments.

There are several passages reminiscent of the fast strumming style used by virtuosic Arabic performers.



**You are invited to
ZOOM COFFEE HOUR!**

**Begins at 11:30 am
Sunday, August 2**

GraceCoffeeHour.com



[Click to Join Coffee Hour](#)

Tip: Scroll down to find the button to join, and then you will be routed into sub-groups (like the tables in the fellowship hall)

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ritual Dance

Kareem Roustom

OFFERING

We are thankful for your gifts that support our shared ministry:
<http://graceattheu.org/giving-online/>

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Thank you to all our participants in this morning's worship & fellowship:

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Amy Chatelaine

Worship Leaders

Amy Chatelaine, Dave and Kathy Chatelaine

Music

Stephen Self, Grace Adult Choir

Coffee Hour Coordinator

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Share with us how you do this at home! Take a picture of your worship space – send to Jill at info@graceattheu.org to be included in Wednesday's Letterbox email, or add to the [Grace University Families Facebook page](#) (request to be added if you have not yet joined it).

During this time of intentional physical distancing, staff are at the church sporadically. Expect more online engagement from and within the Grace community. Visit our website, www.graceattheu.org, for updates, and find us on Facebook at our "Grace University Lutheran Church" page (*Grace Evangelical sometimes pops up...that is not a Facebook page we manage*) or our "Grace University Families" group. We encourage you to seek Sabbath time as you are able.



GIVE TO GRACE ONLINE

Donations to Grace can be made by mailing a check to the office or online through our website—we use *GivePlus* for one-time and recurring donations (there's also an app for that!): graceattheu.org/giving-online/

PSALM PROJECT: DAY BY DAY WITH GRACE

Our daily e-votionals continue through the season of Pentecost as we read through the Psalms. Videos of the psalms go to those on the Daily E-votionals email list (*to be added to this list, sign up [HERE](#) – or email Jill to be added at info@graceattheu.org*). By the end of October Grace folks will have read all 150 Psalms. This is an opportunity to experience a communal listening to poetry that addresses the struggles and joys of life and faith.

Members of the Grace community are invited to participate!

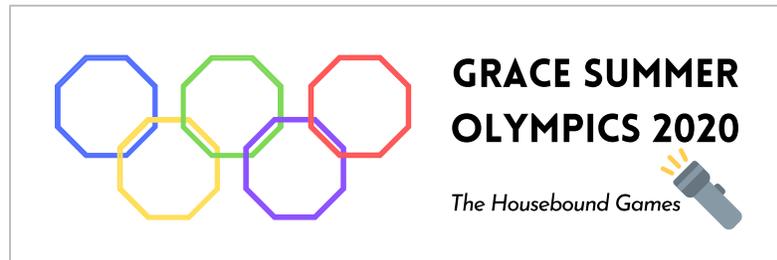
Participants videotape ahead of time: light a candle, ring a bell and read an assigned psalm, and send the video to Jill. Please contact Pastor Mary at pastormary@graceattheu.org if you would like to be a reader.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Long-time, beloved Grace member Bjorn Monson died on Saturday, July 25. Our prayers are with his wife Margot, their children Bjorn and Amy, their spouses and children, and all who loved him Bjorn as they mourn his death. Blessed be his memory.

Prayer chain requests:

If you wish to have a prayer request passed along to Grace's prayer chain, please contact Jill (that's me) in the office at info@graceattheu.org. Patty Lee has wonderfully served as the prayer chain coordinator for many years and will, of course, pass along requests if they come her way and she is able to, but for now please note this shift in how we're managing these.



Since the 2020 Summer Olympics were postponed and we are all doing things during this time of isolation that have been as challenging as training for the Olympics, the Fun Committee announces the upcoming **GRACE SUMMER OLYMPICS** – an opportunity to showcase the amazing Olympic caliber skills we have used and developed over the last few months!

What To Expect:

The Opening Ceremonies Kickoff email was sent out on **Friday, July 31st**, and the competition will run **August 1st** through **August 16th**.

The events will be announced as part of the Opening Ceremonies, but here are the categories to get you thinking:

- Around the House
- Around the Neighborhood
- Most Impressive
- Lofty Heights
- Miscellaneous

Send in videos and photos throughout the competition to showcase what you are up to! Videos and photos will be compiled to be shared as part of the Closing Ceremonies.

So now is the time to begin stretching and training to get ready for the GRACE SUMMER OLYMPICS! Get ready to try new things and develop some of those newfound COVID skills even farther! Remember – this is the FUN COMMITTEE so make it FUN!!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP DURING THIS TIME

There are a number of organizations on the ground working to meet specific community needs. Opportunities are listed below.

If you prefer to give through Grace, you can give directly to our Twin Cities Aid fund—the staff and leaders of Grace will discern where these funds will be distributed.

ASSIST THROUGH CALVARY LUTHERAN

Calvary Lutheran Church (3901 Chicago Ave, Mpls) has a couple of ways to serve (<http://clchurch.org>):

- Our **Food Shelf** is currently operating Saturday and Tuesday from 9 am to noon. There are plenty of tasks at different times of the week. If people are interested in volunteering go to: link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549aea722aaf85-calvary>. For specific questions, please contact FoodShelf@CLChurch.org.
- The **Calvary Community Table** serves those coming to 38th and Chicago, the site of George Floyd's murder and gathering place for neighbors and visitors. We offer free water, Gatorade, snacks, hand-sanitizer, masks, and respond to questions and emergency needs. Other organizations come and go from the corner, as well. We currently have congregational members and neighbors operating the CT. If people are interested, they can start by serving as a Host: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4caea623a0fb6-calvary>

We are currently well-stocked on supplies for both the Food Shelf and Community Table. In fact, much of our work is diverting donations to other locations.

It looks like we'll be at this in some form throughout the summer. Let me know if you have any questions. I am grateful for all the ways the church is being church in this historic moment. We say his name: George Floyd. —*Pastor Hans Lee*

ASSIST THROUGH HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (2730 East 31st Street, Mpls) is tending the community in a number of ways. Visit their website for the most recent opportunities to volunteer and to find a list of items they are accepting as donations: <https://htlcmpls.org>

RACIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

The Racial Justice Network (RJN) Education Committee is partnering with the [We Win Institute](#), which helps kids of color overcome the effects of systemic racism. Families identified as experiencing food insecurity are being provided groceries through the RJN Education Committee. They bring enough food to last 2-3 weeks, at a cost of \$250.

The Racial Equity Team at Grace is inviting Grace members to help in this cause. ***If you decide to help, you can help by sending a check to Grace with "Good Samaritan Fund (RJN)" on the memo line.*** You are encouraged to give what you are able, whether or not you can provide the full amount for a family's groceries. If you have questions, please contact Linnea at linneaswensontellekson@gmail.com.

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NOTE:

During our time of physical distancing, much of the information here is not applicable – no official office hours, no support groups are meeting, etc. Please email or call the office (and leave a message) if you have questions – emails and phone calls will be checked regularly.

ABOUT GRACE

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All staff emails are listed on our website,
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LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY – TWIN CITIES

(located here at Grace)

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STATEMENT OF MISSION:

The primary mission of Grace University Lutheran Church is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as an instrument of God's reconciling love in the world. We do this so that reconciliation with God may become a reality for all. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION:

Grace University Lutheran Church is a spiritual community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a Reconciling-in-Christ congregation. We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, and economic conditions—all who want to join in community to honor God and be of service to people. *since 1985*

THE PRAYER CHAIN

A group of Grace members and friends pray daily for the extended community: special needs, concerns and joys. To participate in this caring ministry or to add a request to the prayer chain, please contact the church office, 612-331-8125 or info@graceattheu.org, or one of the pastors.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS MEET HERE (in our Peace Chapel)

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) on Campus meets Mondays at 7:30 pm.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets Wednesdays at 12:15 pm.

FLOWERS

Call or email the office to request flowers for a Sunday service to remember a loved one or celebrate a special day. You may provide your own flowers or we'll provide them for \$20; flowers may be taken home in the vase.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

We support Community Emergency Services, a local resource center. Donations may be brought to our Fellowship Hall, or you may also place a monetary donation in the offering basket, designating it "Food Shelf."

COMMITMENT TO CREATION CARE

In the spirit of being good stewards of the earth, we reuse when possible and recycle when it is not, including this bulletin. A basket in the narthex (entryway) is provided for paper recycling; other containers for general recycling and organics are placed throughout the building.

Blessing

May the long time sun shine upon you, all love surround you,
and the pure light within you guide you on your way home.