



“From the fullness of
his grace we have all
received one blessing
after another.”

John 1:16

Celebrating 100 Years of God's Grace
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Today we give thanks for the grace of God in Christ shown to Grace Lutheran Church for 100 years. We celebrate today because for the last century Christ has been proclaimed in this congregation. We have been blessed through Word and Sacrament to know him as Savior and have received forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Him. He is worthy of praise!

100 Years of God's Grace—A Service of Celebration

Preservice Music

Voluntary in D Minor, Op. 5, No. 8 *by John Stanley*
To God all Glory Given *by Rachel Sawyer*

Welcome

Hymn

For Many Years, O God of Grace
Christian Worship #622

Please stand

Opening Responses

M: We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the fullness of your grace, which has provided 100 years of blessings to your people at Grace Lutheran Church!

C: **We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God!**

M: We give you humble praise for Holy Baptism, a gift of your grace which has given the forgiveness of sins and saving faith to so many in this place.

C: **We praise you, Holy Spirit, for your saving gifts.**

M: We give you heartfelt praise for the blessing of your Holy Word, through which you have nurtured the faith of your people here.

C: **We praise you, O Lord, for preserving our faith.**

M: We give you sincere praise for the grace shown to us in your Holy Supper, through which you have reminded us of your death on the cross and offered forgiveness for our sins and strength for our faith.

C: **We praise you, Jesus Christ, for your loving sacrifice and for giving us the confidence of sins forgiven.**

M: We give you joyful praise for faithful pastors who were devoted to your Holy Scriptures and proclaimed Law and Gospel for the salvation of souls, who rightly administered your Sacraments, and who cared for the souls of your people as they led your flock.

C: **We praise you, God, for always providing faithful shepherds for your people.**

M: We give you cheerful praise for the many believers, both past and present, and the unmistakable spirit of fellowship and sense of family that has moved your people to love each other and serve you with their gifts, and support the teaching of your Word and the spreading of your gospel message.

C: **We praise you, loving God, for the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace which we have enjoyed.**

M: Triune God, accept the praises we offer today for all the blessings of your grace!

C: **Amen!**

Oh, Taste and See

Arr. Kathy Parra

4 ALL

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

9 WOMEN

9 Bless-ed are they who take re - fuge in him. **MEN**

Your Word, O Lord, — is e - ter - nal; —

16 WOMEN

16 it stands — firm in the heav - - - ens. **ALL**

Your

— Your

21

21 faith - ful - ness con - ti - nues for - ev - - - - er. —

faith - ful - ness con - ti - nues for - ev - - - - er. —

26

26 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. *rit.*

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

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31 Bless - ed are they — who take re - fuge in him.

Bless - ed are they — who take re - fuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: O God, you have promised to be with your Church forever. We thank you for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your favor over these past years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-13

God's grace has made us his people and forgiven all our sins.

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always

accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Choir

Faithful is God

by J. Paul Williams & Joseph M. Martin

*Faithful is God, the One who has called us. Faithful is God; our Master, Lord and King.
Grateful are we for all that he has shown us. Unto God all praise belongs.
Lift on high your joyful songs. Alleluia! Alleluia! Steadfast and faithful is God.*

*Faithful is God to all generations. Faithful is God to those he loves.
Faithful is God and great is his promise. Faithful is God who reigns above.
Rejoice with music. Rejoice with singing. With ev'ry alleluia, let the sound
go forth to ev'ry nation. Shout the proclamation, "Faithful is God!"*

*Faithful is God, the One who has called us. Faithful is God; our Master, Lord and King!
Grateful are we for all that he has shown us. Unto God all praise belongs.
Lift on high your joyful songs. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Steadfast and faithful is God eternal! God is faithful, faithful is God!*

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:19-22

God's grace sent Jesus to be the cornerstone of his Church and his grace sent the Holy Spirit to make us part of that Church.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the

chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Hymn

Not Unto Us

Christian Worship #392

Please stand

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

*God's grace has led us to confess that Jesus is the Christ, just as Peter confessed.
The enduring Church of God proclaims Christ as Savior.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are

you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Please be seated

Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

Christian Worship #536

Sermon

"What's so amazing about Grace?"

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are

God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Anniversary Offering

Your generous gifts to Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church, will support our 100th Anniversary Mission Project, our mission work in Vail, AZ.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located at the end of the pew nearest the aisle so that we might have a record of your worship with us for this Anniversary celebration. Pass it along to those worshipping with you. Thank You!

Offertory

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Music Attributed to Louis Bourgeois & Arr. by Phillip Keveren

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. You accepted his sacrifice on the cross. You raised him from death in glorious splendor. For his sake, you richly and daily forgive the sins of all who put their trust in you.

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Holy Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation into all the world.

C: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures. You renewed your people with the light of your love, you granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

M: When the time had fully come, you brought together the founders and builders of this congregation. Guided by your Spirit, they took hold of the truth and abandoned an apathetic allegiance to your Word. They joined hands with other believers and worked together in ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters during the 100 years past and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

- M: Let this be the time, O Lord, when you renew us again by your Holy Word, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the leaders of our congregation's past.
- C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with those who led and served before us; may he never leave us or forsake us.**
- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than you and whenever we serve ourselves instead of your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present challenges. Rid us of indifference for public worship and continued growth in your Word, destroy all distrust that may plague us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.
- C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- M: Let this be the time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith, O Lord, to truly be, in our thoughts, words, and actions, what you have called us to be—witnesses of your grace!
- C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C: **Our Father 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

Hymn (page 7)

In Christ Alone
Christian Worship Supplement #752

Please Stand

1 In Christ a-lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a-lone—who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod-y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full-ness of God in help-less babe.
 Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground,
 This gift of love and right-eous-ness,
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day
 From life's first cry to fi-nal breath,

Firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a-gain!
 Je-sus com-mands my des-tin-y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je-sus died,
 And as he stands in vic-tor-y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat-is-fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev-er pluck me from his hand;

My Com-for-ter, my all in all,
 For ev-'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re-turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer

M: Gracious God in heaven, continue to pour out the Holy Spirit upon your people, just as you have always done, and keep us faithful to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, that we might join the saints of the past around your throne in heaven for all eternity.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [†] , and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Announcements

Anniversary Hymn (page 9) For Grace We Thank You, Lord

Postlude Ein Siegesgesang Israels, "Lob der Herrn mit Pauken und Zimbeln schon" (alla Handel) Op. 101, No.5
Israel's Song of Victory, "Praise The Lord With Drums and Cymbals" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Worship Leader		Pastor Ron Koehler		Choir Director		Teri Guenther	
Preacher		Pastor Jon Buchholz, AZ-CA District President		Organist		Teri Guenther	
Instrumental Ensemble Director		Missy Wiechmann		Sound Tech		Jeff Weinstein	
Piano	Kathy Parra	French Horn	Cora Kosanke	Clarinet		Beth Kassulke	
Trumpet	Pastor Nathan Kassulke	Baritone	Eileen Rayman	Clarinet		Elaine Goldie	
Trumpet	Tyler Koehler	Baritone	Taylor Parra	Violin		Maya Parra	
Trumpet	Pastor Ron Koehler	Trombone	John Rayman	Violin		Amanda Schulz	
Timpani	Danny Koehler						

Thank you to our anniversary preacher today, Pastor Jon Buchholz, a son of this congregation who now serves as pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe, AZ and is the District President for the Arizona-California District of the WELS.

Please join us for a brief presentation by our congregational president, Bryan Guenther, in the courtyard after the service, followed by the anniversary meal to be served in the fellowship hall and courtyard.

Our 100th Anniversary celebration continues with another special service on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 10 AM. WELS President Mark Schroeder will preach for that service. The focus of our worship will be that the Word of God which has been handed down over the last 100 years and is to be shared with future generations. *Just a reminder that there will be only one morning service that day.* Sunday School (8:45 AM), Lifeliners Youth Group (9 AM), and Adult Bible Study (9 AM) will still be held that morning with President Schroeder conducting a Town Hall Meeting with the Adult Bible Study.

For Grace We Thank You, Lord

ALL 1. For grace we thank you, Lord For glo - rious
 CHOIR 2. For grace in Christ, your Son Sent by your
 ALL 3. For grace that comes to us, Grace in your
 (Interlude)
 ALL 4. For Grace, our fam - i - ly, Those bound by

grace so free - ly giv - en, through the One you love
 love, for sins for - giv - en, for our re - demp - tion
 Word, your Sac - ra - ments, so un - de - served you come
 love, serv - ing to - ge - ther, the pro - mise shar - ing:

Set a - part from birth, called by mer - cy,
 For the bless - ings of life e - ter - nal,
 Make us ho - ly by your Spir - it
 Life with Je - sus, now and for - e - ver

We praise Your grace!
 On - ly by Your grace!
 All by your gift of grace!
 A gift of grace!

Refrain
 From your full - ness we've re - ceived grace u - pon grace and
 bless - ing af - ter bless - ing. Lord, we praise your name!

*This hymn emphasizes God's abounding grace
 as he has called us to be his children through faith in Christ's saving work,
 keeps us in faith through the means of grace,
 and blesses us in our family of faith.*

*From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.
 John 1:16*

