

Sunday Service

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

The Party - Backwards Birds

October 25, 2020 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM



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# Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far:

We are so happy that you are sharing our worship with us from your homes today.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! [www.GraceLutheranPSL.com](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com)

Seating with social distancing at the church is now available at the Bible Study on Thursday at 11:00 AM and on Sundays at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM. Please remember, you will need to wear a face mask at Grace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION:** Due to social distancing and everyone's health we have moved Holy Communion to the end of our worship service and will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the closing hymn pastor will pronounce the sending and then those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain.

The distribution of the bread and wine in individual cups will be by an elder. Please take one of each and wait for Pastor to proceed with the taking of the elements for your group. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed at your seat. Please inform the usher of your need. After Pastor Cris has given your group the blessing at the altar, you may place your cup in the basket and depart from the church.

### The Party - Living in God's Abundance

The older brother could hear it, even from the fields. There was a party, and the music was pumping; he could smell all the food cooking over the fire. It all looked so great. But who was all this for? His good for nothing brother? No way would he be a part of that party. But then the father comes out to see if he could convince the older brother to come into the party. Will he go in and enjoy the party, or will he stay outside?

### TODAY: Backwards Birds - Reformation

What do you spend your time considering? Your financial portfolio? Who to vote for? How there is never enough? Jesus gives us some backwards advice. Consider the birds.

## ---- THE OPENING HYMN

### “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (LW 297 Vs 1-4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious,  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might, we would be lost, rejected,  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit,  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

## -- Opening

*Jesus said: 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;  
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'*

## --- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)**

Pastor:  *O Almighty God,*

**PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,**

**WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.**

**WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.**

**WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.**

**WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.**

**WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.**

**WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.**

**WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.**

**OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.  
RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL  
AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.**

*Pastor: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.... You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN*

## --THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

*Almighty and eternal God, in mercy you give the light of your gospel to your church. Keep us in sound teaching, so that we may firmly believe and faithfully follow your saving word, and finally, with its holy comfort, die in peace and joy. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

## ----THE HYMN OF PRAISE

### "Lord, Be Glorified"

- 1. In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life Lord, be glorified today.**
- 2. In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my song Lord, be glorified today.**
- 3. In our home Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our home Lord, be glorified today.**
- 4. In your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church Lord, be glorified today.**
- 5. In our lives Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives Lord, be glorified today.**

## THE FIRST LESSON Psalm 104:10-17, 24-28

The Bible indicates that praise is the natural response to God's gifts for His people.

(10-17) You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

they flow between the hills;  
they give drink to every beast of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
they sing among the branches.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains;

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your

work.

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate,  
that he may bring forth food from the earth  
and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are watered  
abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has her home in the fir trees.

(24-28) O Lord, how manifold are your  
works!

In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.  
Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.  
There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play  
in it.

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.  
When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled  
with good things.

*Reader:* **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE SECOND LESSON

### 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humility is rarely a virtue that our culture values. We're trained from an early age to show our strengths and hide our weaknesses. This type of thinking also spills over into our models of leadership, as we learn to dictate to others how they should perform. Peter, however, says that we should be humble in our relationships with one another and not lead as dictators.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your

anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### Luke 12:22-34

In the kingdom of God, money is valued in a very different way. In fact, concern for money can easily turn the spiritual life into a lukewarm, half-hearted affair.

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they

have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you

are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy.

Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

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## --- THE APOSTLES CREED

## --- THE SERMON - "Backwards Birds"

## --THE OFFERTORY

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit with-in me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen***

## --- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (after each petition)

*Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,*  
PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

## --- THE LORD'S PRAYER

## ----- THE BLESSING

*Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord look upon you with grace and  
redemption.  
May the Lord always walk before you and give you  
peace.*

PEOPLE:  AMEN

### **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God,**  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
**And in Jesus Christ,**  
His 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.  
The third day  
He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the  
right hand of God,  
the Father, Almighty.  
From thence  
He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heav'n  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heav'n  
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

## ----THE CLOSING HYMN

### “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (LW 516 Vs 1-3)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.

## ----- SENDING

*Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.*

*Serve others knowing God walks before you.*

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**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION:** Due to social distancing and everyone's health we will celebrate by family/sitting groups. After the “Sending” those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion shall remain for the “Order of Holy Communion.”

Pastor will signal groups up to the altar alternating between left and right sides. An elder will distribute the bread and wine for your side. Then Pastor Cris will direct your partaking of the elements, pronounce the blessing for your side, then you may place your cup in the basket on the side and depart in peace.

## --- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Pastor:** May the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**Pastor:** The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.

Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

And so we praise you ..

**PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

## **---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS**

### **“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”**

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- 1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart, and voice and holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won;  
What price our ransom cost him.**
- 2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.**
- 3. My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgement fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.**
- 4. But God had seen my wretched state before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart, He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.**

### **“Beautiful Savior” (Ver 2:56 min.)**

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- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forever more be thine!**



# "Oh, Worship the King"

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1. Oh, worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. This earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy pow'r has founded of old,  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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## ---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **October 25, 2020**

Worship Service	8:30 AM
Second Worship Service and video service <a href="http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com">www.gracelutheranpsl.com</a>	10:15 AM
Zoom into Fellowship	12:00 PM - Noon
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM
AA	7:30 PM

### **Rest of the week**

<b><u>Rest of the week</u></b>	<b><u>October 26 - 31, 2020</u></b>
Olivet School	Tuesday, 8 AM - 1 PM
Individual/Family Communion	Wednesday, 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 & Noon
ZOOM Bible Study <a href="http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com">www.gracelutheranpsl.com</a>	Thursday, 11:00 AM

### **Reformation Day**

Korean Church Prayer	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>
DST ends - Fall Back ONE hour	Saturday, 6:00 AM Saturday Night

For complete calendar information, go to [www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar](http://www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar)

**NOTE:** **Saturday, October 31**, Set your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep.  
**November 2nd & 3rd** church facilities will be restricted to Election Precinct use only.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** Joan Gebhardt - 10/28, Pat Hasz - 10/28,  
Terry Brown - 10/31.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Melville & Lucille Mills - 10/26 (57 yrs),  
Colby & Joelle Swanson - 10/29 (4 yrs)

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** are given by Sconge Boo Dyun with the Korean congregation.

**MITES BOXES FOR ALL!** LWML Sunday will be observed on November 8. In advance of this, we have placed a display of the Mite boxes for each of you, men & women, to take, to fill (coin, check or cash) and to return prior to or on the 8th. The Mite box is the container used to gather the funds that help support various local and international mission organizations which, in turn, share the Gospel and love of Jesus. Hopefully, by taking a Mite box will help remind us daily that all, great or small, gifts can be used to bless many with the gift of the Gospel.

**PLEASE CALL PEOPLE** I realize I take for granted that people just come to the church on a regular basis. So that we all don't descend into madness, let's call and talk to each other regularly. Phone directories are available for your convenience.

**"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROJECT":** Please keep your packed Shoeboxes at home until November 15-21, 2020 between 9:00 and Noon. *Thank you, Judy, 561-315-9555*

**COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY:** If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesday's to celebrate the meal in small/family groups. Please come by on Wednesday at: 11:00, 11:20, 11:40 or 12:00 (noon) and partake of this wonderful meal.

**SEE YOUR GRACE FAMILY ON ZOOM!** Pastor and Coli will be hosting Zoom to Coffee at **NOON** every Sunday for those who would like to join in fellowship "virtually" to see and chat with Grace members and friends. All are welcome!

**BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL** Pastor Cris is conducting a "livestream" Bible study online ([www.GraceLutheranPSL.com](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com)) with ZOOM, for you to participate in on **Thursdays at 11:00 AM**. **\*\* You are also welcome to attend the Bible Study at church, in person! \*\*** Seating with social distancing along with wearing your mask is now happening, at the Bible Study on Thursday at 11 AM and at Worship on Sundays at 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM.

**GIVING** - We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in this Chaotic and Lonely Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community. We have added Paypal for online donations. If you would like to give through Paypal, please go to: [www.GraceLutheranPSL.com](http://www.GraceLutheranPSL.com) and click the **"GIVE"** button on the upper right side of the page.

### **Questions to Ponder This Week - "The Party - Backwards Birds"**

1. Describe the best party you've been to. What did the host do to make it so great?
2. Read Luke 12:22-34. What does Jesus invite us to look at in the world, to see the graciousness of God and His abundance?
3. Where do you see the generosity of God in the world, your life, or the story of the Bible? What are you most grateful for?
4. What are you anxious about in your present situation? Reflect on God's love and care and how it might help alleviate your anxiety.



# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Please leave with receptionist

BOXED DESSERT MIXES


CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

CEREAL


OTHER NONPERISHABLE FOODS

Items for the Thanksgiving Meal are purchased through the financial support of family meals. Food collected through the food drive goes to the ongoing support of the working poor.

Family Meals provides ingredients for families to prepare a home-cooked meal in their own kitchen, with their families. Family Meals wants to bring back the importance of a family meal shared around the dinner table. Non-stop chatter with the family around the table, brings back family values, and creates memories that will last a lifetime.

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