

Hello, Gracers! This Sunday you can choose to worship-in-the-sanctuary (resuming on a small scale) – OR - worship-at-home with expanded resources (including a livestream of our sanctuary worship). See your email for details.

Sunday, May 17th 2020

Announcements: Insert a Dad-joke (ala Troy D.) or reflection (ala Sheryl M.) here...

An example Dad joke might be: Where do you get all your dad jokes? I have a dad-a-base...

An example reflection might be: Everyone take a deep breath in...and out. One more time with Psalm 86:5 Breathing in ("You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive") ...Breathing out ("abounding in mercy to all who call on You.").

Watch your email and follow our [Grace Covenant facebook page](#) to keep up-to-date.

Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Worship with Song (click links for video) [Link to YouTube Playlist with all songs](#)

** pro-tip: click the links in advance to let the ads run through then pause the video so you're ready to worship.

[This is Amazing Grace](#)

[Your Grace is Enough](#)

[Lord I Need You](#)

[Grace Flows Down](#)

Pray for the offering

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your mercy and grace. Lord we pray you will use these weeks to build Your kingdom. Help us to love You even more and to love each other well. Help us, Lord, to love our neighbors in practical ways. Please use the offering of Your church to accomplish Your work in the world. Amen.

Giving Options (thank you for continuing as you are able to help fund utilities and salary and outreach and helpfulness): [Give Online at this link](#). Or electronically through your bank. Or mail a check to 3030 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102.

Offering Song (click link for video): [Holy Water](#)

Pray for the reading of the word

Lord we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit and open our ears to listen well to your Word. Help us to not just hear your Word, but to seek to understand Your message and to live it out as Your people. Sanctify us by the truth, Lord; Your word is truth (John 17:17). Amen.

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Message from Pastor Cal: “Grace and Mercy”

[Link to YouTube Channel](#) – Look for the live stream video here on Sunday morning.

The video will also eventually be hosted on our website (that will take a couple extra days)

Prayers of the People:

Please email your next requests to [mailto:office@gracecovenantfm.org ?subject=Prayer Request](mailto:office@gracecovenantfm.org?subject=PrayerRequest) or call any LT member so we can update the list for next week.

Updated this week:

For those who have lost their jobs or are navigating job changes. For God’s provision and wisdom and clarity and sustaining power.

Andrea and Kyle: made an offer on a house with closing in late June. Please pray that goes well, and also that they find a renter to take over their current apartment lease in the next 2

months so that by August they can have one housing payment.

Judy C: Thanks for your continued prayers for my brother-in-law Les and my sister Cindy. His diagnosis is red blood cell aplasia. He'll keep taking transfusions until his appointment at Mayo in June. He's had numerous units of blood so far, now a sore toe.

Robyn: Please continue in prayer for healing for my legs. Ankle fracture and torn ACL on left leg, with continued healing for right leg. Frustrated: tired all the time from my leg.

Suz: Daughter, Kim, in hospital with kidney stones and gall bladder infection. Praying for healing. And God's strength and mercy while family is separated due to visitor restrictions.

Laura: Update on my Dad: Dad came home on Monday. Praying that his healing continues and no infection. That his transition home goes well. He's been away from home for 2 months and on 4/17 his leg was amputated below the knee. For Dad and Mom both for reduced stress, increased peace, moving through grief of this time, relief of depression, encounters with Jesus - our Prince of Peace.

For Local Care Facilities and their Staff: especially Rosewood and Eventide and Pioneer House with known care and employment of Grace families. May God encourage the lonely residents and strengthen the staff members who help them. Prevent further spread of infection and help the staff adjust to new processes and routines. Give decision-makers wisdom and creativity and diligence to adapt new ways of doing things. Provide testing and protective supplies. Comfort families who can no longer visit their loved ones.

Redeemed Covenant families: many have lost jobs and wages due to virus response. Pray that rent and needs can be met. For new job opportunities. For Pastor Evariste – for good sleep, and health, and Holy Spirit power to minister during especially stressful times.

New Life Center: Please pray the virus for avoidance of outbreak at the New Life Center. A handful of guests/staff/volunteers have tested positive. That the isolation measures will work. They are housing 100+ men, many are particularly vulnerable to the virus due to underlying conditions. Praying they will be able to meet increased funding needs (equipment, food, staffing) even as funding sources like the thrift store are closed and the Fargo Marathon delayed. That they will continue to be able to provide take-out meals to non-shelter-guests daily. Prayers Related to COVID-19:

Previous Weeks:

Loren and Pat: Update from Pat: Loren is feeling better, but his heart still needs to get stronger. No procedure is needed at this time. His pulse is normal. Praise God for his goodness! Thanks to everyone for their prayers and phone visits. Hope to see everyone soon!! (trouble regulating pacemaker).

Stan and Beth: Please pray for our friend Sharlynn and her family. She recently started another regimen of chemo. At her last Mayo visit they found the cancer has spread. They are trying one last treatment. We continue to ask for prayer for healing, guidance and for peace. The prognosis is poor, but we know with the power of prayer, all things are possible thru him.

Eventide (Jennifer): Covid-19 has entered Eventide in Fargo (22 cases last week – 9 of those are staff including one working her mom’s pod.). Please keep everyone there in prayer. It’s been seven weeks now with no visitors. (Especially pray for Jennife’s mom, Bette).

Christina: Praise: I am doing well. I had a good appointment on Monday and the blood clot issue was resolved. I still cannot do as much as I could but I can walk, drive and go to the store for myself! Praying for increasing strength and continued healing. Thank you for your prayers!

Cal: pray for my friend just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Swensen Family: Please continue to pray for all the Swensen family during this time of grief for comfort and peace for all the family.

Barry: Update: Barry is doing very well, thanks to God! Continues recovering at home from his heart attack and stent surgery. Retired from Eventide in Moorhead. Praying for continued healing and strength for Barry and (Faith).

Steve A: Please pray for Steve’s Dad – he fell again on Tuesday (4/7) had to go to ER for stitches and x-ray. Please also pray for Sheila’s sister, Colleen who is still very fragile and now not sleeping for healing.

Diana: Please pray for the kids at the detention center.

Meredith: Had surgery (3/31) everything is going well and vision is also getting much better! Enjoying being home and feeling good (yay!). I am grateful for each of you and all God has done for me on this journey.

Regarding this pandemic: Please pray for all those who have the COVID-19 Virus for strength and healing. That the virus can be contained as much as possible. For health care workers. For those working treatment and testing sites. For government officials and law enforcement. For teachers and parents. For those missing paychecks. For retirees. For those that manufacture and deliver and sell needed items. For those developing tests and vaccines and treatments. For those in care facilities with visitor restrictions and their families. For those suffering domestic violence where home is not a safe place. That we will all be filled with the Holy Spirit. That God will give us wisdom and creativity. That we will have hearts to be helpful and meet needs wisely. That our trust in Jesus be strengthened in the midst of turmoil.

Hymn: [Grace Greater than Our Sin](#) (The Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord)

(Click for video, See picture on last page for Hymnal Page #342)

Verse 1

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

CHORUS

Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace

Grace that is greater than all our sin

Verse 2

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater yes grace untold
Points to the refuge the mighty Cross
[CHORUS]

Verse 3

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today
[CHORUS]

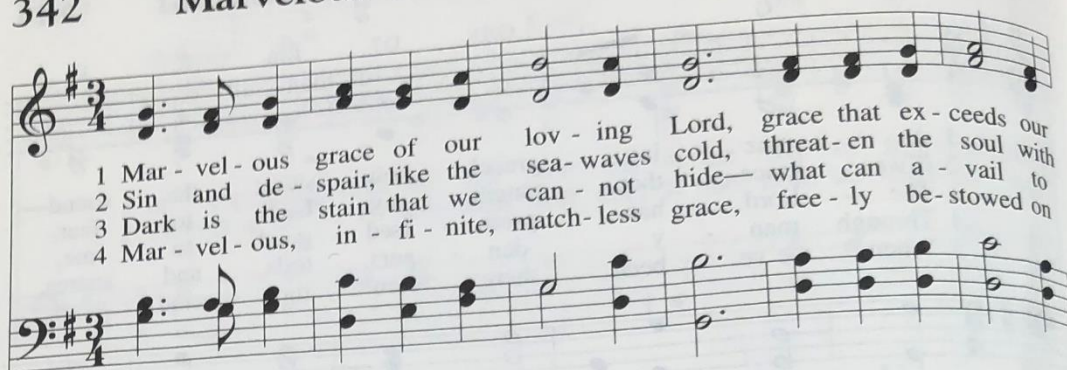
Verse 4

Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive
[CHORUS]

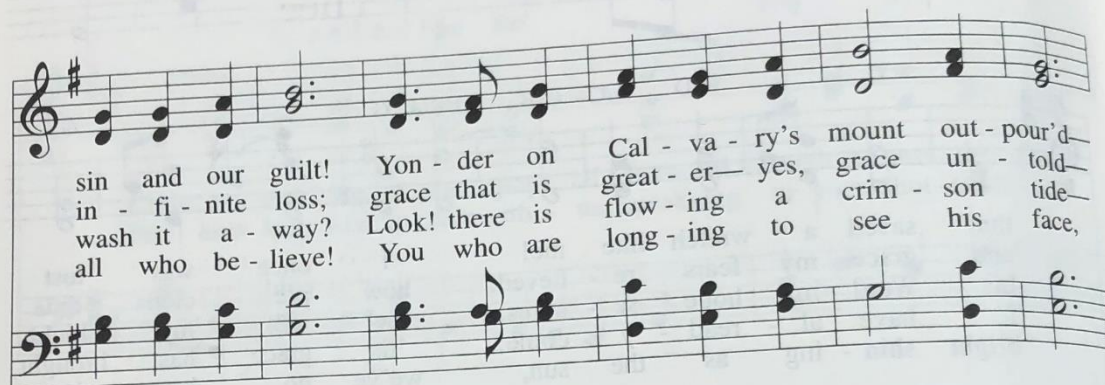
Benediction from Hebrews 13:20-21 (NIV):

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

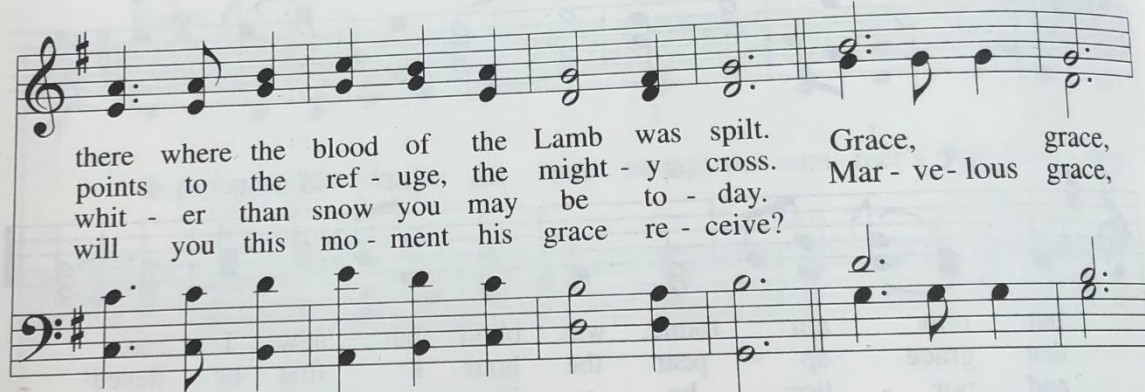


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 2 Sin and de - spair, like the sea - waves cold, threat - en the soul with
 3 Dark is the stain that we can - not hide— what can a - vail to
 4 Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on

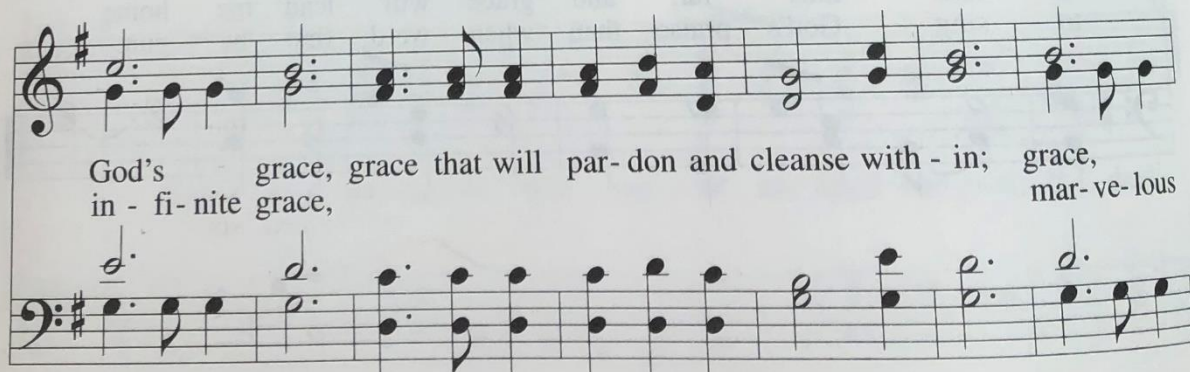


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 in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er— yes, grace un - told—
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide—
 all who be - lieve! You who are long - ing to see his face,

Refrain



there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross. Mar - ve - lous grace,
 whit - er than snow you may be to - day.
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?



God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; grace,
 in - fi - nite grace, mar - ve - lous

GRACE THROUGH FAITH

A musical score for the hymn "Grace Through Faith". The score is written on two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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