



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 \* 9:30 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Introduction**

**TODAY'S THEME:** Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

*Announcements are televised or found on our website*

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.  
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.  
We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.*

## **GOD GATHERS US**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Announcements are found on our website*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**All: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**All: Amen.**

### **OPENING HYMN**

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

**WOV 752,v.1&2/Blue Hymnal**

# Here I Am, Lord

WOV 752, Versus 1 & 2



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...Eternal God,

**C: you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

**C: And you also.**

Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING: Colossian 1:15-28

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to

make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



### Children's Message

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to You O Christ!**

### MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

**SONG OF DAY** Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring      **WOV 759/Blue Hymnal**

# Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains two verses of lyrics. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may  
work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)*

## Offertory Music

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document  
or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.*



*Please respond accordingly*

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and  
pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

P: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of  
life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may  
be more fully known. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that  
promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring  
healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the  
world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality  
in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.**

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

## **P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**ALL: The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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**

**P:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God

## TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### Communion Hymns:

**As the Grains of Wheat**

**WOV 705/Blue Hymnal**

**We All are One in Mission**

**WOV 755/Blue Hymnal**

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

**WOV 765/Blue Hymnal**

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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# We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show




us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Heavenly Father,

**C** you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CLOSING SONG**

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

**WOV 752 v. 3/Blue Hymnal**

# Here I Am, Lord

WOV 752, Verse 3



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
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Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



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## **GOD SENDS US**

### **BLESSING**

P: May the love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

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### **ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON**

#### **Genesis 18:1-10a**

*The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to three visitors of the LORD*

#### **Psalms 15**

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

#### **Amos 8:1-12**

*A famine of hearing the words of the LORD*

#### **Psalms 52**

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. (Ps. 52:8)

## **7/20/25 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP MASKING-Update** We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by Debra and Dallas Peters in celebration of Debra's mother's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**THANK YOU TO NATALIA** for stepping in as our organist for the next 2 weeks while Dottie is away on vacation!

**ELBURN DAYS PARADE AND GRACE FLOAT** Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. We will be meeting at Cathy Whiteside's house earlier in the day to help decorate the float and enjoy homemade sandwiches. Please let Janice Muncie know if you would like to help decorate the float and/or ride on the float (630-854-1066 or janice.muncie@gmail.com). All are welcome! We are also accepting bags of candy to give out on parade day (preferably not chocolate...it tends to get all melty!) Thank you!

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** has begun! On August 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be inside for worship and coffee hour. All other Sundays in the summer will be outside worship unless prohibited by weather.

**FREE NURSERY ROOM FURNITURE** The preschool is looking to move a few items out of the nursery and pass them onto you! There are 2 glider rockers and a pack-n-play (playpen) that are free for the taking. The preschool will be utilizing the nursery room also and it will continue to be used as a nursery when needed during worship services. Please see Janice or Tricia.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Nancy Corbige continues to collect email addresses for the Pottawatomie Partnership email distribution list. We currently have a house in-build in St. Charles. (Questions, you may call or text Nancy at 847-212-0237.)

**LINE DANCING** is over for this season and will resume again in the fall. Thank you, Nancy Corbige, for all of your hard work and dedication to this great outreach program!

**THE 2025 FLOWER CHART** is up and on the wall in the welcome area. The price for 2025 will be \$20.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume again in September on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:30.

**SHOE BOX COLLECTION** in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

**BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS** The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the newsletter or Cathy Whiteside. ***Thank you for your generous donations!***

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED** for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL** will begin again on September 8<sup>th</sup> every Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:15am – 1:15pm. Registration for next school year, 2025-2026, is open! If you know of anyone with a child ages 3-5, please let them know of this engaging Christian preschool program. More info can be found on our website, [www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool](http://www.graceoflilylake.org/preschool) or you can contact Janice Muncie at 630-854-1066.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will be on Wed., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 11am in the Grace Room. This will be a chance for registered and prospective students and their families to view the new classroom, meet the teachers and ask any questions they may have about our preschool. Please email or call Janice Muncie with any questions. 630-854-1066 or [Janice.munice@gmail.com](mailto:Janice.munice@gmail.com)

**JULY NEWSLETTER** is available on-line at [www.graceoflilylake.org](http://www.graceoflilylake.org) (please note the new website address ends in a “.org” rather than a “.com”)

**NOISY OFFERING** We continue to collect weekly noisy offering to help offset various costs of specific expenses or a specific fundraiser. If you wish to contribute to the "Building Maintenance Fund" - please mark this specific donation on your check. These donations are for unplanned/unbudgeted building maintenance repairs. Thank you for your support!

**OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE** Offerings received as of 7/14: \$ 2,594. Your time, talents and gifts are a true commitment to our church and growing ministries here at Grace.

Are you familiar with IT / computer technology / livestreaming ? We are seeking several people to assist in preparation and recording our church services (during the week +/- or during worship service). Please contact Pastor or Tricia Painter ~ **please consider !** Thank you for the donations of copy paper, stamps and printer cartridge. We have a continual need for printer ink cartridges (or even donations towards this cost) - please contact Tricia for details.

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 131<sup>st</sup> year of ministry ~

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

\* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.

- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

### **FOR THE WORLD**

- \* For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- \* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

### **FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

- \* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

### **FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- \* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

### **FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members
- \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military
- \* For our Nation, to extend peace in all things.

### **FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... For our "Grace Family" members:**

Betty Boor, Dan Burtnette, Lillian Carlson, Nancy Corbige, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, **Kathy Hooey**, Kathy Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave & Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortensen, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy & John Schaefer, Char Sportsman, Bud Wise, Norm Turner, Wayne Whiteside, **For our Families and Friends:** Howard, Jim, Scott, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Howard and Christine Baumert, Viola Bradshaw, Cindy Carlson, Joanie Chernick, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Karl Kruthoff, Gay Leslie, Janelle McDonald, Linda Mowers, Ray Navarro, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Emily Peters, John Schnaitman, Pastor Arne Walker, Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, Greg & Val Williams, and Barbara Zegiel.

***Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Kathy Hooey and family on the passing of Kathy's husband, Kirk, on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Funeral arrangements are still to follow.***



***Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Sherry Manke, church family friend, who passed away on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be from 10-12, Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Conley Funeral Home, 116 W. Pierce St., Elburn, IL. A funeral service to celebrate her life will begin at 12 p.m. with interment to follow at Blackberry Twp. Cemetery.***

*If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!*

**ALSO** - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Twyla Strom for prayer shawl needs.