

Grace

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Sunday, July 20th, 2025
7th Sunday After Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***

In the name of the Father,
and of the +Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, **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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 15

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Day by Day

ELW 790

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

Lord, be with all whom are on our prayer list, listening via radio or online, those in care facilities, our military and first responders, and whom are in our hearts. Fill them with the Holy Spirit so that they may always know that You are with them. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nourish, love, protect and guide our congregation, especially as we enter the Congregational Meeting to vote on a called pastor. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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Mission of the Month – Personal Hygiene Kits
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OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

OFFERING PRAYER

God, our Creator,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

WE WILL NOW ENTER INTO THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO CALL A PASTOR**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

While you do your personal shopping this month, think of those around the world and in our community that have to go without. Say a prayer for them while you are shopping and consider picking up an extra item of what you are already purchasing. Dollar General has lots of great deals and coupons if you download their app. An extra \$5 on your bill could make a world of difference to someone who is a refugee, has struck bad luck, or has left an abusive situation. You could also involve the children in your life and explain to them why you are doing extra shopping.

Thank you for your generosity!

-GLC Missions Committee

HYGIENE KIT ITEMS**FOR RACHEL'S HOPE OF WATERTOWN**

- Any items in the LWR Kit List
- Liquid body wash for men and women
- Baby soap
- Deodorant for men and women
- Baby wipes/wet ones
- Hand soap
- Cotton balls and/or swabs
- Laundry detergent & fabric softener
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- Kids and adult toothpaste

FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

- Bar soap
- lightweight towel
- nail clippers
- individual toothbrush
- wide tooth comb or pick