

# Grace Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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## GATHERING

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

## MORNING PRAYER\*

**Ever-living God, you are like the sea: Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant. Let us feel your refreshing presence as we gather near your waters to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us this day. Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP \*\*

In the midst of life's storms, God is with us.

**What have we to fear?**

In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

When the waves of doubt threaten us

**Your presence reassures us.**

When fears seem to swamp our lives

**You give us courage to trust in your protection and provision.**

Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

**Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Shout To The Lord

ELW 821

(Sing 2x)

## CONFESSION\*\*

God of love and power,

**we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive our doubts. Help us place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **FORGIVENESS\*\***

God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives; and we are forgiven to begin again to live at peace with ourselves and others, with Christ and creation, allowing justice and love to flow freely through our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **KYRIE**

**ELW P. 147**

## **THIS IS THE FEAST**

**ELW P. 149**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Job 38:1-11**

**P. 420**

## **RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalms 107: 1-3, 23-32**

**P. 487**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**2 Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

3 gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**23 Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

24 They beheld the works of the Lord, God's wonderful works in the deep.

**25 Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

26 They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

**27 They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

28 Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.

**29 You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

30 Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

**31 Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

32 Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

**P. 940**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW P. 151**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 4:35-41**

**P. 816**

**A Sermon by  
Pastor Carlene Rhody**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**When Peace Like A River**

**ELW 785**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for Rhys, Roy, Rose, Shannon, Allen, Dennis, Dick, Harper, Ted, James, Greg, Kristi, Chad, Jan, Sylvia, LaVerne, Elvira, Rick, Roger, Lynn, Tracy, Kaisley, Tori, Robert, Raef, Ron, Ashlea, Robert, Sandra, Angela, Rhonda, Dessie, Sherry, Jim, Jeff, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are homebound. Pray for the family of Lois Cotten. Pray for members of the Armed Forces, all First Responders, and their families. Pray for our Church during this transition period. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG**

**Calm The Waves**

**ELW 794**

**(Sing 2x)**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

For the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

**OFFERING HYMN**

**We Praise You, O God**

**ELW 870 (vs. 1,3)**

SCAN ME



Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

**Lamb Of God**

**ELW P. 154**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

**Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me**

**ELW 767**

### **COMMUNION SONG**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**ELW 773**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **SENDING SONG**

**Children Of The Heavenly Father**

**ELW 781**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-4-june-20/>

\*\* <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2857/worship-connection-june-23-2024>