



Grace Lutheran 1883-2023

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 17, 2022*  
*Grace Lutheran Church*  
***Welcomes You to Worship***

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**PRELUDE**

**Congregation responses in Bold Print**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GREETING**

God urges the faithful to “listen up!”

Let us join together to hear the word of God, and worship His Holy name.

**GATHERING HYMN: “Open My Heart to Your Love”**

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace.

Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way.

Healer of nations and broken hearts, you are the pathway to peace.

Singer of life in the face of death, may we be your vessels so love will increase.

Open my heart to your love, oh God. Open my eyes to your grace.

Open my life to receive your word. Send wisdom and courage to follow your way

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Inspired by Psalm 15*)

Holy God, **we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place. We have not led a blameless life. We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts. We have done evil to both those we love and to those we refuse to love as we should. We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these. Hear our cry, God of our hope, as we confess that which weighs us down...**

Redeeming God,

**save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom. Gather us in your righteousness and redemption. Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation. Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Because we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us,

amongst us, and for us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Alleluia! Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray... **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**

**Pew Bible p 12**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

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

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

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

***"Help Us, Oh Lord"***

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.  
Help us to see our brothers' needs that are in disguise.  
Help us, oh Lord, to feel the pain in our sisters' eyes.  
Teach us to live your kingdom here on earth.  
Open our lives to treat each person with equal worth.  
Remind us we're family; we're bound by baptismal birth.  
We offer in joy what you first to us gave:  
Ourselves, our time, the very things that our hands have made.  
Receive them all now, this is our prayer in Jesus name.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28**

**Pew Bible p 956**

<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 servant 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 servant 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**“Alleluia”**

Alleluia. To whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

(Please stand as you are able)

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

**Pew Bible p 845**

The Holy Gospel according to St John, the tenth chapter.

*Response: 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 into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord'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>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(You may be seated)*

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**ELW 815**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the  
world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on  
my path, and show me the way to the  
Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the  
race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
*Refrain*

**APOSTLE'S CREED....**

**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 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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.** (*We greet you all in peace.*)

**OFFERING FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY of Grace Lutheran Church**  
**SONG of OFFERING:** **“We Are an Offering”** **ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; We are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to you;  
We are an offering, we are an offering

### **PRAYER OF OFFERING**

Let us pray... **We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

**PRAYER SONG:** **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

### **PRAYER PETITIONS:**

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  
Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes and to celebrate the magnificent of even the smallest neutrinos of your creation to the vastness of the galaxies. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  
Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of all who have been oppressed. Place your protective hand over all those who serve in the Armed Forces and work to protect us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**  
Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit.

Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Stanley, Jody, Judy, Dick, Carla, Kaye, Duane, Sharlee, Sylvia, Don, Judy, Megan, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Caden, Robert, those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community here at Grace Lutheran to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders, music leaders, youth leaders and all in outreach with a revitalization of your spirit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG:**

**“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us

**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.**

**BLESSING** *(inspired by Mark 5:21-43)*

The God of peace, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

**ELW 545**

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| 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,<br>fill our hearts with joy and peace;<br>let us each, your love possessing,<br>triumph in redeeming grace.<br>Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,<br>trav'ling through this wilderness. | in our hearts and lives abound.<br>Ever faithful, ever faithful<br>to your truth may we be found.   |
| 2 Thanks we give and adoration<br>for your gospel's joyful sound.<br>May the fruits of your salvation   | 3 Savior, when your love shall call us<br>from our struggling pilgrim way,<br>let no fear of death appall us,<br>glad your summons to obey.<br>May we ever, may we ever<br>reign with you in endless day. |

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God. We Will!**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!*

### **Announcements for July 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:***

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Stanley Crane, Jody Crane, Judy Eide, Dick Everson, Carla Frost, Kaye Harriott, Duane Holker, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Don Learned, Judy Lien, Megan Mohorovich Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Caden Thompson, Robert Wittrock, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

#### **On the CALENDAR - For the week July 17<sup>th</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>**

Today	8:30 am Worship service
Monday	July 18 - Ukraine Initiative Meeting: 10:00 AM 1 – 4 pm Dorcus Quilters
Tuesday	6 pm – Summer Bible Study
Wednesday	10 am – Service at Townview 10L39 am – Service at Jenkins Care Center 5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Room 6 pm – Midweek Family Worship Service With Communion
Sunday	8:30 am Worship service w/Holy Communion

#### **Upcoming Events:**

MONDAY – July 18 - Ukraine Initiative Meeting: 10:00 AM in the Dining Hall at Midwest Bible Camp 1500 N Hwy 20 in Watertown

September 7<sup>th</sup> – 2022-23 Confirmation Classes Start – Please register now!

#### **Ukraine Initiative Meeting to plan sponsorships for Ukrainian Refugees**

A Ukraine Initiative Meeting will be held on Monday July 18 at 10:00 AM in the Dining Hall at Midwest Bible Camp 1500 N Hwy 20 in Watertown. The federal government has announced ORR benefits for refugees. This means, after 90 days they are eligible for things like language support, cash stipends, etc. They are reporting authorizing about 2500 I-134 applications a week -with a goal to have 75,000 Ukrainians in the US by September. The State department division has committed to working applications for employment rights within "weeks" vice months, however LSS is estimating that time to be significantly longer. Sponsors will need housing and the basics as refugees will likely arrive with only the clothes on their back. Since men are

staying back to fight, most will be mothers and children. Key information will be provided at the meeting.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:**

**PASTOR:** Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

**READER:** JoAnn Spartz

**KEYBOARD:** Isaak Montemayor

**USHERS:** Geri Mohror & Steve Vogt

**PRIASE TEAM:** Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling

**SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM:** Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, Anthony DeHaan, & Dylan Jordan

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**LWR Monthly Mission Kit Request for July:**

For baby care kits: Diapers: t-shirts or flannel. T-shirts can be any color and writing on it is ok. Flannel should be white or light colored. Personal Care Kit: Adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, or finger nail clippers.

**CORRECTION:** Grief Support meets on July 28<sup>th</sup> – not 21<sup>st</sup> as on the July calendar.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** This week during Wednesday midweek worship service, William Nash received his first communion. We celebrate this with you as you receive this life giving sacrament.

**Volunteers are sought for BeFriender program**

A local BeFriender program will once again be created at Grace to support women and men through a listening ministry of care. Unlike the national BeFriender program, this program is to Be-a-friend to members of Grace Lutheran Church with a monthly call or visit of caring. Many elderly members are not able to leave their homes, nursing home or assisted living facility and suffer from loneliness and depression. To help with this caring ministry you will be asked to make a phone call or visit once a month and report to pastor any specific needs if they should arise. For more information or if you can help, please contact Pastor Cheryl.

A RADIO BROADCAST of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). **The RADIO BROADCAST is given in loving memory of Roy and Doris Schmeling from the Schmeling Radio Fund. The Altar Flowers today are given from Roger and Sandra Wittrock and families in honor of Mabel F Johnson AND special flowers from Geri Mohror in loving memory of Bounce, who passed away 2 years ago on the 19th.** Your gifts are greatly appreciated for the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, please call the

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