GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to fill out an attendance slip in the pew back in front of you and drop it off in the offering plate.*

Welcome

Greeting

Ringing of Bell

J Opening Hymn: "Praise Be to Christ"
1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The image of the Father shown, The firstborn Son revealed and known, The truth and grace of deity; Through whom creation came to birth, Whose fingers set the stars in place, The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, The furthest bounds of time and space.

2 Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway And will upholds creation's plan; Who is, before all worlds began And when our world has passed away: Lord of the Church, its life and head, Redemption's price and source and theme, Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as all-in-all supreme.

 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The fullness of the Godhead shares; And yet our human nature bears,
 Who came as man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace
 Who chose for us the path He trod,

That so might sins and sorrows cease And all be reconciled to God.

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Stand

Invocation

Exhortation

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Versicles	LSB 235
P O Lord, open my lips,	
ЛС and my mouth shall declare Your praise.	
♫C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.	
Antiphon (Common)	LSB 235
P Give glory to God, our light and our life.	
JC O come, let us worship Him.	

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Venite

J□ O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon (Common)

P Give glory to God, our light and our life.

ЛC O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

L A reading from Genesis, chapter 18.

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of 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." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then 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. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind

Genesis 18:1–14

him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

L

O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:21–29

L A reading from Colossians, chapter 1.

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflicitons for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To 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. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

♫ Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

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- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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Stand

Gospel Reading

P A reading from Luke, chapter 10.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Final Reading Response

- **P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- **C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

Luke 10:38-42

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit Children's Message

Father Welcomes

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son. Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these. Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured: Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer

\square **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

□C Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless **P** and preserve you.

[**P**]

Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

□C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray: С 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. Stand **Benedicamus** LSB 241 **P** Let us bless the Lord.

Collect for Grace

now and forever.

Collect of the Day Let us pray.

[**P**]

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♪Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply. The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week. **BIRTHDAYS:** Kathleen Johs, Tammy Woslager, Garett Schafer, Jessi Jensen, Tyler Bodlak, Virgil Loewe, Chance Schultz, Fauneil Bennett, Betty Mitchell, Brian Reeg, Bryce Sebade, Colleen Simpson, Louise Green, Lyle Grone & Pam Ekberg **ANNIVERSARIES:** Dwight & Irene Mock, B.J. & Sara Ruwe, Ron & Desiree Kneifl ad Gene & Janet Casey

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE: \$8,277.

<u>NURSERY</u>: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Getting the Talk Started" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr.</u> <u>Michael Zeigler</u> -- God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

TABLES AND CHAIRS: Grace has 7 extra 8" long tables that are looking for a new home. We also have 40 extra folding chairs that are not needed. If you would like some, please reach out to the Church office. A donation of \$10 per table and \$5 per chair taken would be appreciated to help support the building fund.

<u>REFRIGERATOR</u>: Grace has an extra refrigerator! We are accepting bids for it at the Church office. If you would like to look at it the refrigerator is in the Sunday School office in the basement.

FISHERS OF KIDS: If you know any families looking for a preschool, Fishers of Kids is still accepting registrations. You can pick up a registration form in the Church office.

<u>CALL COMMITTEE</u>: Forms to recommend a senior pastor whom you think would serve well at Grace are available in the Church office. Please have them returned to the office by Aug 1^{st} .





to the many individuals that spent their week serving 55+ students at Vacation Bible School! You are a blessing!

Bible Story Station: Amanda Broberg Craft Station: Josh Ruwe, Emmie Haynes, Graycen Trautman, Izzy Ruwe, Igor Martinez Games Station: Alivia Kesting, Lauren Ekberg, Bryn Tiedtke Catechism Station: Pastor Paul Registration: Ashley Hoffman

Preschool Guides: Brittany Temme, Kortney Rees Kindergarten-First Grade Guides: Julie Bose, Sara Ruwe, Rachel Holland, Ashley Hoffman Second-Third Grade Guides: Aprill Bodlak, Veronica Daum Fourth-Sixth Grade Guides: Kris Fox, Angie Beiermann

Set-Up: Emmie Haynes, Jesse Winberg, Pam Janke, Craig Evans, Cindy Evans, Neal Greenwald, Yvonne Greenwald, KimBerly Hansen Closing Celebration Help: Loree Echtenkamp, Nadine Bjorklund Meals: Kitchen Sisters & Kesting Family Cleaning: Cindy Evans, Yvonne Greenwald

> Thank you also to the many Grace friends that donated money to support our VBS meals and outreach!

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READERS: Hallie Heithold (8:00) Doug Temme (10:30)
GREETERS: LeRoy & Carol Robbert (8:00) Doug & Mary Temme (10:30)
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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Bonnadell Koch in memory of Marlyn

THIS WEEK AT GRACE		
Today	8:00 am. 9:15 am. 10:30 am.	Worship Bible Class Worship
Wednesday	9:00 am.	Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm.	Sewing
Next Sunday	8:00 am. 9:15 am. 10:30 am.	Worship/Communion Bible Class Worship/Communion