## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**



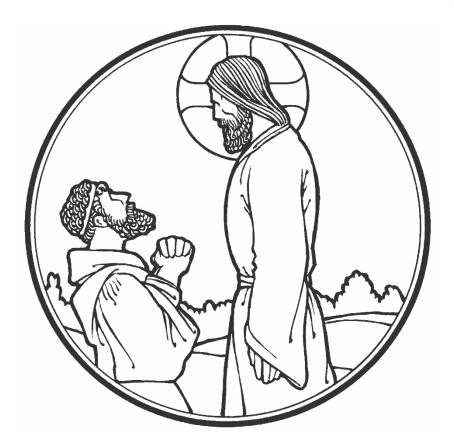
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**6th Sunday after Pentecost** 

July 27, 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**

**☐** Opening Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 649

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain; Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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## Confession and Absolution

Stand

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

Absolution LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

**Introit** 

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

- P Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.
- **©** With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes.
- **P** I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies.
- **■** I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words.
- P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.
- Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give me life. 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.
- P Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **DC** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **☐** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **□C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **☐** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **□** Amen.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain* 

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain* 

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## □C Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 18:20–33

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outery against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Colossians 2:6–19

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See

to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. <sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**☐ Alleluia and Verse**LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 11:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

JC Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer

from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **☐** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

## Children's Message

**↑** Hymn: "Father Most Holy"

LSB 504

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning; Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessèd, unity unshaken, Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven, Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,
- 3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee; All for Thy worship were and are created; Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.
- △ 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,
   One in three persons, over all exalted!
   Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,
   Now and forever.

Text: Latin, c. 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

#### Sermon

Stand

**Prayer of the Church** 

## Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper: is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **JC** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **D** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- $\mathbf{DC}$  It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Proper Preface (Full)**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

☐ Sanctus LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.

Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**□C** Amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei. Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table. It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides. Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.

Sit

#### Distribution

**□** Distribution Hymns: "Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628

- Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer. 1 Let not an unrepentant heart, Prove hurtful to me there.
- Lord, I confess my sins, And mourn their wretched bands; 2 A contrite heart is sure to find, Forgiveness at Your hands.
- Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me, 3 Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery; God can accomplish vastly more, Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament, Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail, To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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**☐** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

- Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today: 1 Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood, The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold; 3 All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity, Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
  When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

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Stand

**☐ Thank the Lord**LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☐** Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

☐ Amen.

☐ Closing Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

LSB 909

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone.

- To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray; And Your fullest benediction, Shed within these walls today.
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful, All the gifts they ask to gain; What they gain from You, forever, With the blessèd to retain; And hereafter in Your glory, Evermore with You to reign.
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
  One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run!

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Josh Widner, Candice Rastede, Wyatt Lubke, Kennedy Pickinpaugh, Ruger Roeber, Case Ruwe, Loreta Tompkins, Dave Doescher, Eleanor Ruwe, Nancy Sutton & Austin Vanhorn

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>: Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp, Dale & Onar Spahr, Doug & Lora Heithold, Ken & Darci Slama, Trey & Megan Dubbs, Scott & Sarah Hansen and Josh & Colleen Starzl

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE: \$8,089.

**NURSERY**: 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.

<u>PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN</u>: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please

return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

<u>LUTHERAN HOUR</u>: "Proclaim His Glory" -- Guest Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Dale A.</u> <u>Meyer</u> -- Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

GRIEFSHARE: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted," Matthew 5:4. This verse tells us that grief and mourning are necessary parts of the loss of a loved one. It is a great blessing to announce that GriefShare, a grief recovery support group, will be meeting at Grace at 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday evenings from September 8 through December 1. This biblically based series of videos, discussions and optional workbook has been a valuable resource to those who are grieving both recent losses as well as losses years ago. Grief doesn't go away! Please consider joining Janet Pfanstiel from Immanuel, Osmond, and Darlene Lilienkamp as we begin this healing journey. Please contact Darlene at <a href="mailto:dalili52@yahoo.com">dalili52@yahoo.com</a> with any questions or check it out online at <a href="mailto:griefshare.org">griefshare.org</a>.

**<u>FISHERS OF KIDS</u>**: 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<sup>st</sup>.

<u>100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVRSARY:</u> Grace will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary November 9th with a worship service and congregational meal. The Anniversary Committee is planning a program to follow the meal. Please share any special memories or ideas to enhance the program with the planning committee. Suggestions may be emailed to <u>marytemme@gmail.com</u> or you may call 402-375-0562. The committee will meet Monday July 28th at 7:00 pm.

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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**ELDER ON DUTY:** Brain Reeg & Craig Evans (8:00) Donovan Bjorklund (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Lucille Ocampo & Izabelle Ruwe (8:00)

Sadi Fredrickson & Conner Hansen (10:30)

**READERS:** Irene Mock (8:00) Donovan Bjorklund (10:30)

**GREETERS:** Craig & Cindy Evans (8:00) Donovan & Nadine Bjorklund (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402-584-2257

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Louise Green in remembrance of her baptism

THIS WEEK AT GRACE			
	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion	
Today	9:15 am.	Bible Class	
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion	
Monday	7:00 pm.	Anniversary Committee	
Wednesday	9:00 am.	Bible Study	
	8:00 am.	Worship	
Next Sunday	9:15 am.	Bible Class	
	10:30 am.	Worship	

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH T-SHIRT SALE

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Fill out this form to purchase a \$20 "Grace Lutheran Church" black, short-sleeved shirt!

Complete with the LCMS logo, this t-shirt is perfect for church events or for around town.

Proceeds will go to the Grace Sunday School Program to purchase new whiteboards, tables, and chairs to accommodate our growing classes.

Name:				
Cell:				
Size & Quantity: *Write the number of shirts you want in the boxes below:				
Youth S:	Youth M:	Youth L:		
Adult XS:	Adult S:	Adult M:		
Adult L:	Adult XL:	Adult 2XL:		

#### Return this form to the church office by August 24th.

Checks can be made out to "Grace Lutheran Church," with "Sunday School" in the memo line.

Contact Callie Hammes with any questions.