



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020
8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Flowers

The flowers are given by Al and Irmgard Swanson in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary, and by Randy and Ellie Schnack in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

As We Gather

Last week Jesus spoke of the Sower who cast good seed on different types of soil. Today, Jesus tells another parable. It turns out he's not the only sower, and the differentiation in the soil is not the only problem. After the good seed is sown, an enemy comes to sow weeds among the wheat. The Master's servants want to uproot the bad seed right away, but they are told to wait. They are to let the seeds, good and evil, grow together. Like the servants in the story, we yearn to rip up the evil around us right away. While we are right to work for justice, we dare not give into overzealous judgment. We might end up ripping up the good with the bad! More to the point, it is not for us to offer final judgment. Yes, evil flourishes in our world today, but this will not always be the case. Isaiah reminds us that God is the first and the last. God will have the last word, and whatever judgment is needed will finally come. Our task is simply to trust the Sower, and tend the soil around us today.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Sonata in D Major
I. Pomposo

Henry Purcell

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P 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 and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

(green) LBW #459



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



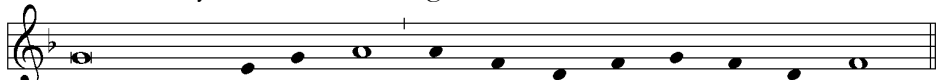
giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge,
you care for your children with firmness and compassion.
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom,
that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6–8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11–17

ANTIPHON: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. Ray Makeever

- ℣ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;*
knit my heart to you that I may | fear your name.
- ☩ **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,*
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**
- ℣ For great is your | love toward me;*
you have delivered me from the neth- | ermost pit.
- ☩ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men | seeks my life;*
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**
- ℣ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,*
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.
- ☩ **Turn to me and have mer- | cy upon me;*
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child | of your handmaid.**
- ℣ Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and | be ashamed;*
because you, O Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–25

[St. Paul writes:] So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We join in singing:



- My word shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

☐ REFRAIN (*above*)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

☐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☐ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: In the Weeds

Pastor Dave Lyle
 Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, You Thankful People, Come

(green) LBW #407

1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

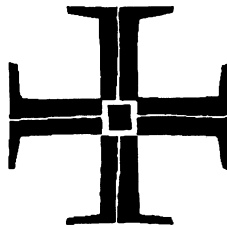
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: On What Has Now Been Sown

(green) LBW #261

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Concerto in B-flat Major
Allegro

Tomaso Albinoni

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist

Brian Becker, trumpet

Al Swanson, videographer

Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson	Hans Dumpys	Kathy Hale	Jennifer Murtoff
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Valerie Anderson (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)

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Ira Birnbaum (*friend of Sandy and David Lentz*)

Stephanie Bogue and Elva (*friends of Pat Anderson*)

Deb Bree (*friend of Debbie Conley*)

Patricia Carey (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Bob Close (*friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin*)

The Corlew Family (*friends of Pat Anderson*)

Linda DeMeyere (*friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack*)

Peggy Dickenson (*mother of Paul Eichwedel*)

Jane Duda (*friend of Karen Eckstein*)

Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)

Joan Fudala (*mother of Greg Fudala*)

Ray Garmatz (*son of Margaret Garmatz*)

Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)

Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)

Ryan Hall (*nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns*)

Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)

Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)

Marian Hogue (*mother of Merrily Smith*)

John Hunt (*friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner*)

Rob Kay (*brother of Tom Kay*)

Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)

Sally Kindsfater (*sister of Mary Jane Endicott*)

Lenny Kobilca (*friend of Deanna Marotz*)

Andrew Korcek (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Ron and Jeaneatte Koski (*parents of Jill Koski*)

George Kozuchowski (*friend of Timothy Douma*)

Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)

Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)

Marty Krueger (*cousin of Irmgard Swanson*)

Alice Kubly (*friend of Adrienne and Ron Rott*)

Mary Jane Kuehnert (*friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening*)

Maxx Kuser and family (*friends of Deb Maxwell*)

John Larson (*father of Morgan Anderson*)

Maria Laskowski (*friend of Joe Modrich*)

John Lauritzen (*former Grace School student*)

Lily (*friend of Carrie Douma*)

Karen Luebbe (*mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel*)

Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)

Jane Martin (*mother of Justin Martin*)

Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)

Gail Meltzer (*wife of Chuck Hitzemann*)

MaryJo Meyer (*aunt of Brooke Schedler*)

Christopher Miller (*friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Don and John Moehlenkamp (*brothers of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)

Livingston Newberg (*brother-in-law of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Rev. Tom Noll (*friend of Grace Church*)

Mary Kay Olson (*friend of Paul and Cindy Koester*)

Kathi Parisi (*friend of Debbie Conley*)

James Pawlowski (*brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples*)

Becky Peterson (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (*grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba*)

Phillip Rice III (*friend of Pat Anderson*)

Ronald Riley (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)

Shirley Moyers Schnack (*sister-in-law of Randy Schnack*)

Linda Schroeder (*aunt of Anne-Marie Bogdan*)

John Schuurman (*friend of Timothy Douma*)

Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)

Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)

Konrad Swider (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)

Ilene Thompson (*sister of Marilyn Heppner*)

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Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)

Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)

Sonja Wandro (*sister of Al Swanson*)

Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)

Robert West (*friend of John and Carol Stanger*)

Lucy White (*friend of Mary Beth Logas*)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (*friend of Grace E. Marotz*)

Elise Wojack (*niece of Pat Gulik*)

Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)

Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Center for Christian Education, Martin, Slovakia

For those who celebrate

The 35th wedding anniversary of **Al and Irmgard Swason**

The 50th wedding anniversary of **Randy and Ellie Schnack**

The 55th ordination anniversary of **Rev. David Kluge**

For those who mourn

Gale Holmlund (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schmacks*)

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Brent Knop (*great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Jason Brown (*nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sbarman Galezenski*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes

Ruth Laux

Christopher Davis

Walt and Carolyn Martin

Marie Gierke

Joanne Nelson

Ronald Gresens

Barbara Rinnan

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Institution

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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