



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at the 8:30 worship service for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Flowers are sponsored by John and Debbie Sanger and Frank Clause in honor of the 80th birthday of Marge Sanger.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Educational opportunities occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

Grace Council Statement on Racism: The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

What does it look like when the reign of God breaks forth in our world? Not what you might expect. This week we see images like a twig broken from a branch, seeds scattered and left alone while the planter just goes about their business, and a mustard seed growing into an unruly weed. These seem unimpressive and even foolish ways of talking about the work of God. And they all point to the cross: the ultimate image of foolishness, forsakenness, and death. Yet, there, on a hill outside of the city God turns this instrument of death into the very tree of life. If the kingdom of God is springing up there, where else? Trusting that God is at work in all sorts of unexpected places in all sorts of ways we find that God is even at work in and through you and me. And the reign of God is here among us. It just might not look like we would expect.

*"Listen! A sower went out to sow.
And as he sowed, some seeds
fell on the path, and the
birds came and ate them up.
Other seeds fell on rocky ground,
where they did not have much
soil, and they sprang up quickly,
since they had no depth of soil.
But when the sun rose, they were
scorched; and since they had
no root, they withered away.
Other seeds fell among
thorns, and the thorns grew
up and choked them.
Other seeds fell on good soil
and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty."*

—Matthew 13:3-8

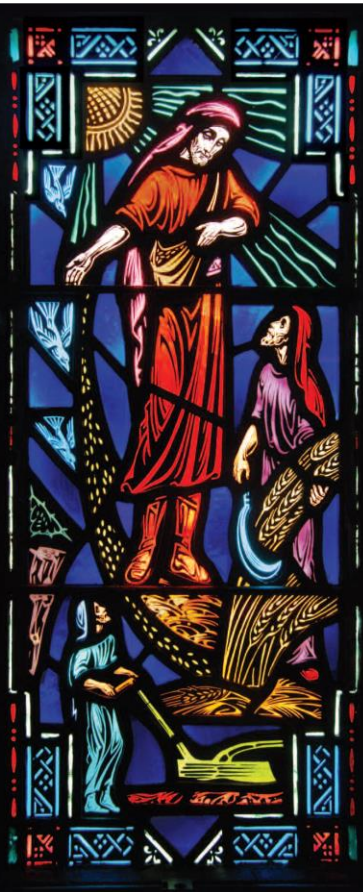


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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Variations on themes of Tartini

Arcangelo Corelli
arr. Ronald C. Dishinger

Andante
Allegretto

We stand.

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.

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

(green) **LBW #499**

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

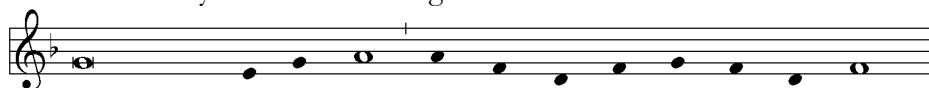
While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

O God, you are the tree of life,
offering shelter to all the world.

Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth,
that we may bear your truth and love to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22–24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

- L** It is a good thing to give thanks | to the Lord,*
and to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
- C** to tell of your lovingkindness early | in the morning*
and of your faithfulness in | the night season;
- L** on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,*
and to the melody | of the harp.
- C** For you have made me glad by your | acts, O Lord;*
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.
- L** The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,*
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
- C** Those who are planted in the house | of the Lord*
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
- L** they shall still bear fruit | in old age;*
they shall be | green and succulent;
- C** that they may show how up- | right the Lord is,*
my rock, in whom there | is no fault.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6–17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

We stand and join in singing the refrain.

GOSPEL VERSE: James 1:21

Anne Krentz Organ

L Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Refrain:



L Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

C **REFRAIN** (*above*)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Not What We Expect

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Ezekiel 17:22–24; Mark 4:26–34

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW #580



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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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.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Robert J. Powell

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We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

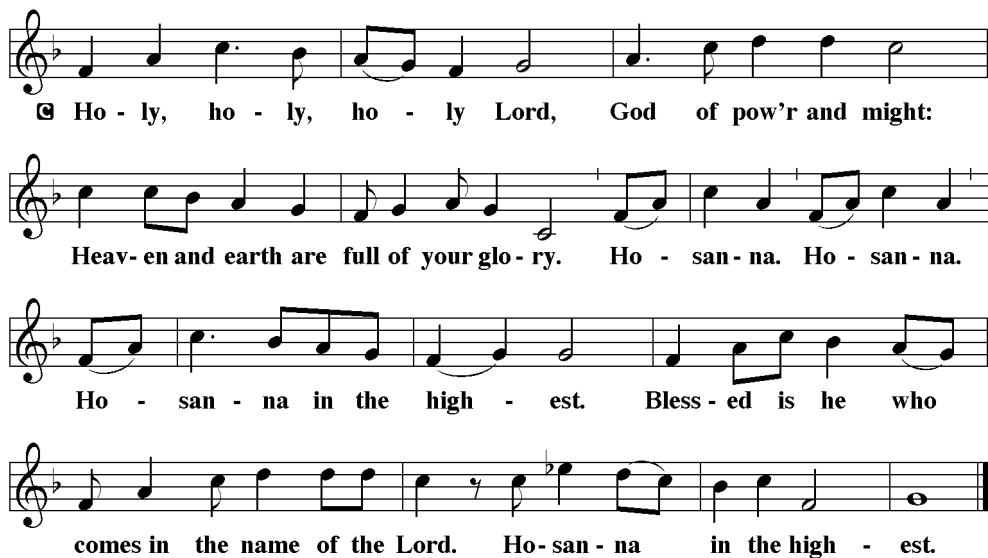


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
 he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

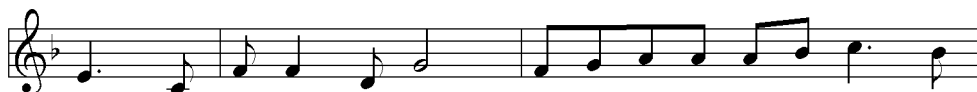
AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

*Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle,
where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.*

Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Word of God, Eternal

James Biery

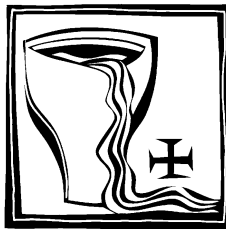
Jesus Christ is the same,
yesterday, and today, and forever.

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal,
Lord of creation, merciful and mighty,
Hear now Your servants, when their tuneful voices
Rise to your presence.

Holy this temple where our Lord is dwelling,
This is none other than the gate of heaven;
Strangers and pilgrims, seeking homes eternal,
Pass through its portals.

Lord, we beseech You, as we throng your temple,
By your past blessings, by Your present bounty,
Favor Your children, hear our cry for mercy,
Now and forever, Now and forevermore.

Hebrews 13:8; 9th century hymn, *tr.* Maxwell J. Blacker

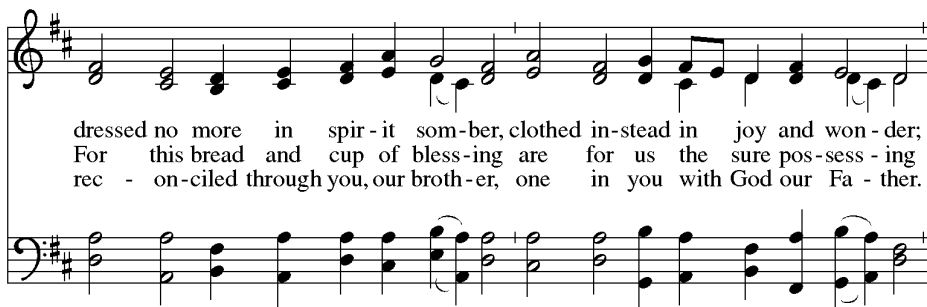


HYMN: Now We Join in Celebration

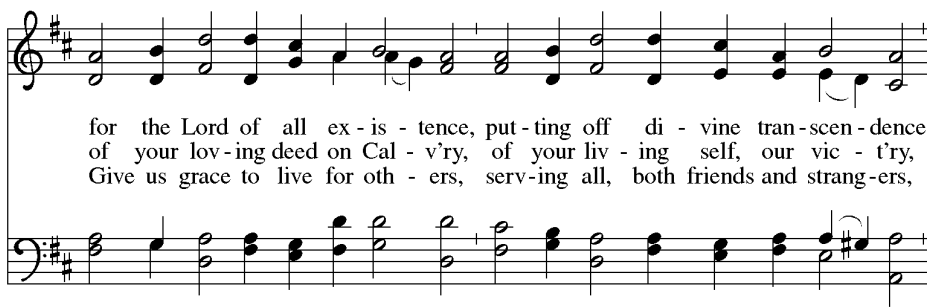
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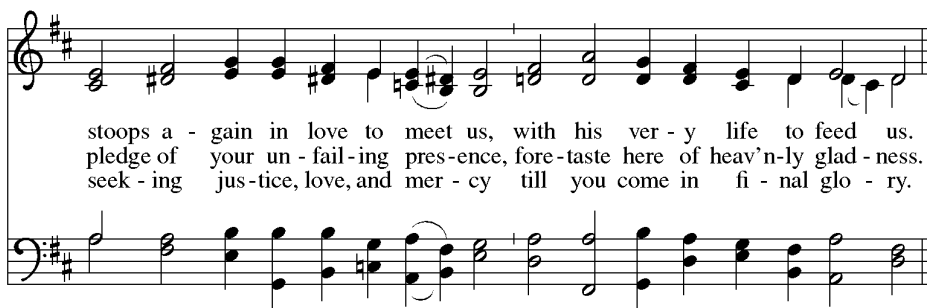
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

(green) **LBW #379**

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord;
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

tell how his own Son he gave, all from sin and death to save.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Variations on themes of Tartini

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Allegro

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
(8:30) Sandy Lentz, lector
(11:00) Carrie Simpson, lector
Ellie Anderson, soprano
Colin Krueger, tenor
Johanna Johnson, horn
(8:30) Paul and John Lochner, altar guild
(11:00) Roberta Gillespie, altar guild
(8:30) Eunice Eifert, videographer
(8:30) Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati	Rosemary Cheatem	Bob Jandeska	Paul Nelson
Rose Mary Anderson	Hans Dumpys	Karla Koehne	Pat Scala
Annalise Balock	Louis Elia	Joan Koerber	Jim Scherer
Cathy Barker	Carl & Donna Gruendler	Jerry Koenig	Rich and Bonnie Stasack
Jim Barker	David Gruendler	Carolyn Martin	Cameron Valencia
Len Berghaus	Don Heimburger	Karen McMahon	
Ed Borg	Patricia Herendeen	Jennifer Murtoff	
Felipe Altamirano (<i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i>)		Karen Luebbe (<i>mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel</i>)	
Valerie Anderson (<i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke</i>)		Joyce and John Lunde (<i>friends of Susan Messerli</i>)	
Pat B. (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)		Kathy Lyons (<i>sister of Karin Danganan</i>)	
Greg Ball (<i>friend of Irmgard Swanson</i>)		Anne Matthys (<i>mother of Susan Curran</i>)	
Vera Leora Barnett (<i>friend of Paul Eichwedel</i>)		Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (<i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i>)	
Shari Barnich (<i>friend of Randy Schnack</i>)		Jim McCarthy (<i>father of Lori Thomas</i>)	
Sophie Bartell (<i>granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell</i>)		Carole Nelson (<i>mother of Michael Nelson</i>)	
James Beglin (<i>cousin of Cathy Schnittker</i>)		Livingston Newberg (<i>brother-in-law of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska</i>)	
Frances Benson (<i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i>)		Julie Novak (<i>daughter of Eunice Spurgat</i>)	
Karen Berglund (<i>friend of Carol Stanger</i>)		Elaine Pierce (<i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i>)	
Florence Breed (<i>cousin of Irmgard Swanson</i>)		Jacob Pletan (<i>great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt</i>)	
Nancy Brinkman (<i>friend of Karen Brunssen</i>)		Sarah Ponder (<i>friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys</i>)	
James Crone (<i>grandson of Eunice Spurgat</i>)		James Powers (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)	
James Cordes (<i>brother of Bruce Cordes</i>)		Susan Prather (<i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i>)	
Family of Jim Cozzi (<i>friends of Diana Sicuro</i>)		Philip Rice II (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	
Linda DeMeyere (<i>friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack</i>)		Ronald Riley (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)	
Stella Dillberg (<i>mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace School student Julia Weaver</i>)		John Rohleder (<i>friend of Sandy Grams</i>)	
Patti and Neal Enslin (<i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i>)		Florence Saeger (<i>friend of Karl and Ruth Reko</i>)	
Seth Flanders (<i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i>)		Jennifer Sandahl (<i>friend of Jennifer Murtoff</i>)	
Benjamin Galiher (<i>nephew of Paul May</i>)		John Schuurman (<i>friend of Timothy Douma</i>)	
Luke Gawencka (<i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i>)		Lindsay Shaner (<i>brother of Bob Shaner</i>)	
Stacy Gibb and family (<i>friends of Kristin Vogen</i>)		Kim Shannon (<i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i>)	
Thomas Griffith (<i>son-in-law of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i>)		Mary Lu Shipstad (<i>friend of Marilyn Heppner</i>)	
Mike Guss (<i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i>)		Huxley Shoup and family (<i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i>)	
Jerry Haase (<i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke</i>)		Nancy Stelling (<i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i>)	
Jill Hanssen (<i>niece of Ann Mason</i>)		Lee Stephens (<i>brother of Tony</i>)	
Harry Heppner (<i>brother of Ken Heppner</i>)		Jennifer Sylvester (<i>daughter of Janet Sylvester</i>)	
Chuck Hitzemann (<i>friend of Grace</i>)		Martin A. Thieme (<i>brother of Susan Franzone</i>)	
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Doug Kelner (<i>friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson</i>)		Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (<i>friend of Karl and Ruth Reko</i>)	
Don Kersten (<i>brother of Phyllis Kersten</i>)		Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (<i>sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel</i>)	
Andrew Korcek (<i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i>)		Kim Walsh (<i>niece of Cathy Schnittker</i>)	
George Kozuchowski (<i>friend of Timothy Douma</i>)		Verna Walsh (<i>aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz</i>)	
Arnold Krubsack (<i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i>)		Bob Weaver (<i>husband of Gretchen</i>)	
Kathryn Krubsack (<i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i>)		Daniel Wenzel (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	
Maxx Kuser (<i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i>)		Lucy White (<i>friend of Mary Beth Logas</i>)	
Jack Lichtenberger (<i>friend of Diana Sicuro</i>)		Nola Williams (<i>Grace School student</i>)	
Lily (<i>friend of Carrie Douma</i>)		Deborah Wilson (<i>niece of Carolyn Garber</i>)	
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Benevolence ministries

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For those who mourn

Tom Kuehnert (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)

Nancy Strand (*friend of George and Nancy Wohlford*)

Thanksgiving for

The 80th birthday of **Marge Sanger**

The marriage of **Kate Letton** and **Spencer Kennedy**

Those serving in the armed services

Daniel Behrens (*relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

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

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

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

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

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 Sharman Galezewski*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Christopher Davis

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 Center

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JUNE 13

Library Open..... 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
New Members Class (Grace Garden)..... 9:45 a.m.
Congregation meeting (Online)..... 12:15 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Finance Committee (Online)..... 7:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Meeting (Atrium 1)..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Church Council (Online) 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Worship Service – Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
GLOW Supper..... 6:00 p.m.
GLOW Worship Service – Holy Communion..... 6:00 p.m.

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