

GRACE

The Holy Communion The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 4, 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 not available today.

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 other electronic devices. Thank you.

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 will resume next Sunday.

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

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

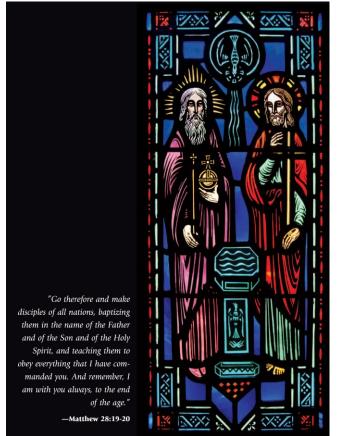


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+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: How Firm a Foundation

David M. Cherwien

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

▶ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

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.

G Amen.

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

- Most merciful God,
- 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.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, early American

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest • Ο Ð in the highest, and peace to **A** Glory to God his peo - ple on earth. al - might - y C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, Fa - ther: God and 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. are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, For you a - lone 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.
- **G** And also with you.

 Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

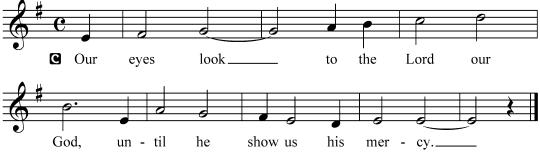
FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

PSALM ANTHEM: Our Eyes Look to the Lord (Psalm 123)

The Antiphon is sung once through by the soloist; we join in singing each time thereafter.



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To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

C ANTIPHON

- Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and the derision of the proud. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
- **G** ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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



I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

C REFRAIN (above)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:1–13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit. Sermon

Pastor Karl Reko Mark 6:1–13

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Son of God, Our Christ



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APOSTLES' CREED

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

G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

G Amen.

+ MEAL +

PEACE OF CHRIST

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit. **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** The Son of God, Our Christ

Paul Bouman

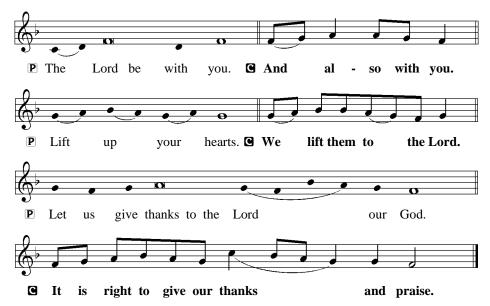
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We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

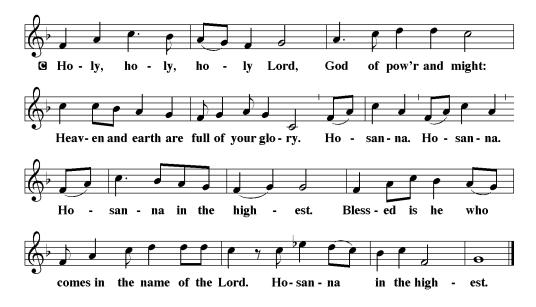
- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

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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.

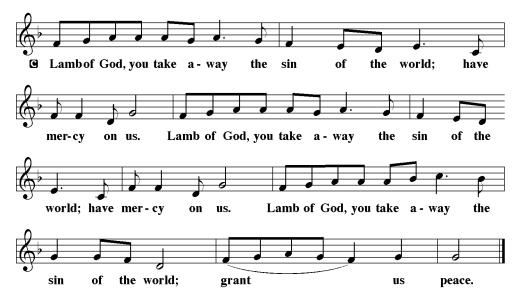
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

• Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- 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.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- **P** Come, for all is now ready.

We sit. AGNUS DEI



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.

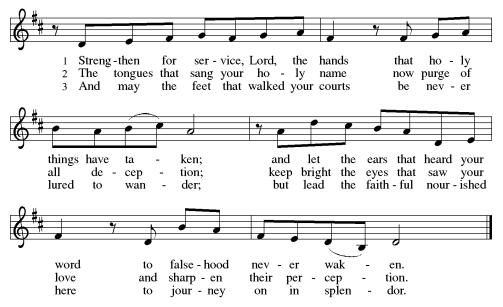
MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Beloved, God's Chosen

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment Compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment That binds into one every dissonant part.

Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; Let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy, Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise. Susan Palo Cherwien

HYMN: Strengthen for Service, Lord



Michael Burkhardt

ELW #497

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

- **G** 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.

G Amen.

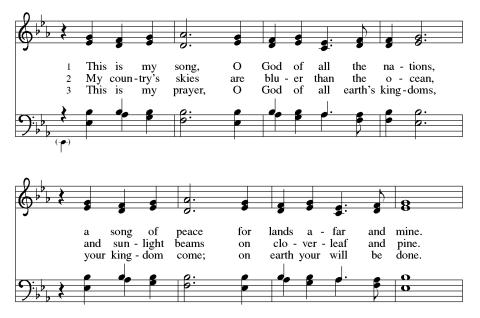
+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: This Is My Song



ELW #887



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DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: This Is My Song

Robert A. Hobby

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister The Rev. Karl Reko, preaching minister Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister Steven Wente, organist (8:30) Ellie Schnack, lector (11:00) Julie Hinz, lector Ellen Pullin, soprano Bill Pullin, baritone (8:30) Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson and Jane Marie Andrew, altar guild (11:00) Gerlinde VanDriesen and Marilyn Moehlenkamp, 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 Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Jim Barker Ed Borg Rosemary Cheatem Hans Dumpys Louis Elia Carl & Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Don Heimburger Patricia Herendeen Bob Jandeska

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Pat B. (friend of Pat Anderson) Javed Bachew (relative of Susan Franzone) Greg Ball (friend of Irmgard Swanson) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) Shari Barnich (friend of Randy Schnack) Sophie Bartell (granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Frances Benson (sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger) Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson) James Cordes (brother of Bruce Cordes) Family of Jim Cozzi (friends of Diana Sicuro) James Crone (grandson of Eunice Spurgat) Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack) Stella Dillberg (mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace School student Julia Weaver) Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Seth Flanders (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker) Benjamin Galiher (nephew of Paul May) Luke Gawencka (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke) Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) Chuck Hitzemann (friend of Grace) Alice Hollis (friend of Marge Sanger) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner) Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson) Jonas Kendra (godson of Stephanie Wilkening) Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Maxx Kusper (friend of Deb Maxwell)

Amy Juel Karla Koehne Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig Karen Lemke Carolyn Martin Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Pat Scala Jim Scherer Rich and Bonnie Stasack Cameron Valencia

Jack Lichtenberger (friend of Diana Sicuro) Beth Luebbe and family (sister of Jenny Luebbe) Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli) Kathy Lyons (sister of Karin Danganan) Esther Martz (friend of Susie Calhoun) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran) Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell) Christopher Miller (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) Carole Nelson (mother of Michael Nelson) Julie Novak (daughter of Eunice Spurgat) Elaine Pierce (friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson) Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt) Sarah Ponder (friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys) James Powers (friend of Al Swanson) Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott) Mark Redheffer (son of Virginia Walker) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson) John Rohleder (friend of Sandy Grams) Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Jennifer Sandahl (friend of Jennifer Murtoff) John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma) Kim Shannon (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner) Huxley Shoup and family (friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten) Lee Stephens (brother of Tony) Jennifer Sylvester (daughter of Janet Sylvester) Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone) Ilene Thompson (sister of Marilyn Heppner) Jan Thomson (sister-in-law of Christine Phillips) Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel) Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz) Bob Weaver (husband of Gretche) Daniel Wenzel (friend of Pat Anderson) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Deborah Wilson (niece of Carolyn Garber) Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher) Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA World Hunger

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) Kellyn Daly (niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann) David Danford (son of John and Karen) E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak *(Germany)* Drew Krueger *(England)*

Those who are homebound

Christopher DavisCarolyn MartinMarie GierkeJoanne NelsonRonald GresensBarbara RinnanGloria HillertKathleen 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

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)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JULY 4

Library Open	
Worship Services – Holy Communion	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5

Building Closed

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Worship Service – Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.
GLOW Supper	6:00 p.m.
GLOW Worship Service - Holy Communion	6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

FRIDAY, JULY 9

Finding Hope (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

William and Linda Mitterer Memorial Service...... 11:00 a.m.

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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Check all that apply:

- I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- **I** am interested in a path toward membership.
- □ I would like to know more about Grace School.
- □ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail,

Sunday Is Coming.

□ I would like one of the pastors to contact me via (check one) □ Phone or □ E-mail.



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Bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ