



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace of God Lutheran Church
June 19 ♦ 10:00 am
Outdoor Worship at Walton Park, Oakdale

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

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

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Gracious God,

A **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

HYMN “God Welcomes All”

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
G **O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON



HYMN “Cast Out, O Christ” (stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5)



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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APOSTLES' CREED

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**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

EATING AND DRINKING

DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life,

G we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P 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 give you peace.

G Amen

P Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

G Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY

**You are welcome here.
You are loved here.
You belong here.**

Welcome to visitors and guests

We are so glad you are here today. We have some gifts for you before you leave. 😊

We're having a picnic!

Please stick around after worship for our picnic
Don't worry if you did not bring anything! There is enough for all!

Congratulations, graduates!

High school graduates

George Zetterwall
Graduated from Lionsgate Academy

Jake Richter
Graduated from Woodbury High School

College graduates

Leah Marxhausen
Graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Paul Priester
Graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

**Deposit your "blessings" you brought in each high school graduate's basket.
There are cards on the table for you to write your own blessing if you would like.**



CULVER'S NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Join us at the SUNRAY CULVERS this **Tuesday, June 21** from **5-7 pm** to support the Outreach efforts of Grace of God! We will receive a percentage of all orders during these two hours. Invite friends and family!

HAPPY JUNETEENTH!

Today our nation celebrates the announcement of freedom to slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865. "If the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed!" John 8:36



**THANKS, Dads.
We love you**

HELP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

This summer, Grace of God will be collecting items for **PERSONAL CARE KITS** for **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**. These kits are used around the world for those in crisis or tragedy. They are especially important for refugees including Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. These kits are in high demand right now and LWF is in great need of supplies! GRACE OF GOD will be collecting items for these personal care kits this summer!



You may bring items now through **AUGUST**.

On a Sunday later in August we will assemble these kits and prepare them for shipping.

ITEMS FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS



- One light-weight bath-sized towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27") dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz) in original wrapping
- One adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packing
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

Keep in mind that we will need equal number of supplies to create the most kits!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your our congregation's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.