

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022 ♦ 9:00 am



the
KINGDOM OF GOD
has come near to you
Luke 10:9

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

A note to first time visitors:

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is really present for us and we receive the gift of God's love in his body and blood.

We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.

Small children are welcome in worship

"Busy bags" for young children are available in the "Good Shepherd" room adjacent to the worship space near the doors. That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

GATHERING

The first part of our worship gathers us all together in Jesus' name for worship

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We begin our worship acknowledging that we are broken sinners loved and forgiven by God. We confess our sins and receive God's grace and forgiveness because of what Jesus has done for us. We begin with the sign of the cross and the name of the Trinity that was placed on us in baptism.

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,

C **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 "In Christ Called to Baptize"

We begin worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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GREETING

This Trinitarian greeting is from one of Paul's letters to the early church.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

The hymn of praise centers our service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The prayer or “collect” of the day, appointed for each Sunday, “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the character of God as revealed in the Scriptures for the day.

P Let us pray.

A **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION in celebration of Independence Day

P Liberating God,

A **you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Now we listen to God's Word which reveals law and Gospel to us and ultimately leads us to Christ – the Word made flesh.

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted. This reading always connects in some way to the Gospel reading for the day.

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

AD Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Galatians 6:7-16

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:1-11, 16-20

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. This is the main reading of the day because of the primary importance of Jesus' words and actions

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

APOSTLES' CREED

The words "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Apostles' Creed is the oldest statement of faith based on the teachings of the apostles. The Nicene Creed was formulated in the fourth century at the Council of Nicea and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

- AI** 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

Together we pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. We pray for global concerns and for our community of faith. Prayers from this community may be requested before the service. We are reminded in prayer of God's mercy and that we are part of a larger fellowship, the body of Christ.

(Response to each petition)

- P** God of grace.
- AI** hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Having confessed our sins, listened to the Word of God and affirmed our faith, we are ready to experience the miracle of Holy Communion.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In this "Praise and Thanksgiving" we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: Thank God and recall what God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- P** Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
- C** We praise you, O God.
- P** We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.
- C** We thank you, O God.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

These are the words of Jesus when he gathered with his disciples the night before he died. In this, his last will and testament, he gives his own body and blood as a gift of love

- P** Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P** We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

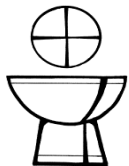
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in Holy Communion is an ancient connection.

- A** **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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat, place your cup in the rack on the table to your right.

SONG DURING COMMUNION "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing, who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
you can tell the love of Je - sus; you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing and the mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the mas - ter calls you; rich re - ward he of - fers free.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your boun - ties you can do what God de - mands;
Take the task he gives you glad - ly; let his work your plea - sure be.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I. Send me, send me?"
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

SENDING

Having been fed and nurtured at the Lord's Table, we are sent to be God's living presence in the world.

DISMISSAL

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

A Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Life-giving God,

A through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

We receive the blessing of God who goes with us into the ordinary of daily life.

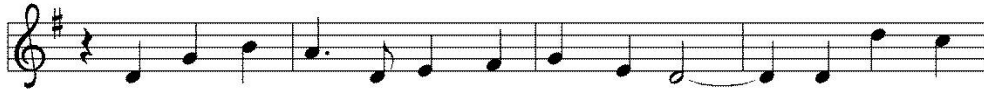
☐ The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

☑ **Amen**

☐ Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN "To Be Your Presence"



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

ALL ARE INVITED FOR COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS
AFTERWORSHIP TODAY!

Liberty
AND
Justice
FOR All

Happy Independence Day!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNICS

June 19 - July 24 - August 28

Walton Park in Oakdale

10:00 worship; picnic to follow

Services will be live streamed

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Bring your lawn chair!

YAY FOR SUMMER PICNICS!

We are looking for volunteer(s) to host the July 24 picnic with a main dish. See Barb Fallert or Jill Olofson if you are available. **All are invited** to bring a salad or desert to share. If you are more comfortable bringing your own lunch, please feel free to do that! (We strive to meet dietary needs when we can! Perhaps you might consider bringing something gluten-free, vegetarian or sugar-free and labeling it as such.)

grace happens

June 26 – July 3, 2022

Sunday, June 26

9:00 am

WORSHIP – PENTECOST 3

Coffee and doughnuts after worship

Sunday, July 3

10:00 am

WORSHIP – PENTECOST 4

Coffee and doughnuts after worship

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 beginning **JUNE 12** and continuing 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.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Would you like to help with Sunday services? We schedule volunteers to be greeters, lectors and ushers for each service. What do they do?

Greeter: Arrive about a half hour before church and welcome worshippers as they arrive. Offer a worship folder and a smile. If a visitor comes, welcome and direct them to the worship space. Notify pastor or elder of any visitors. Also, if they have children, show them the playroom and the busy bags.

Lector: Read the assigned Scriptures for the service. The lectionary book is on the pulpit. A copy of the reading is available beforehand on request and Pastor will help you with hard words!!

Usher: At this time the usher just directs worshippers to communion.

We schedule about three months ahead and a schedule is on the bulletin board or can be accessed on Breeze. You are sent a reminder via Breeze (email) the week before the service. At that time you can accept or decline. If you are unable to serve when scheduled, you just decline and the elder in charge will get someone to fill your spot. No problem.

If interested in helping on Sunday, please let Kathy Rehbein or pastor know. Thank you

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:

Last week's Offering	\$3,639.55
YTD Offering	\$147,335.09
YTD Budget	\$152,410.00
YTD Offering vs Budget	(\$5,074.91)

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