

JUNE 19, 2022

Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Declare how much  
God has done  
for you*

LUKE 8:39



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ~Welcome~

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin. If you are visiting our church for the first time or have been away, welcome. Please sign our visitors book in the Narthex (lobby) or fill out a connection card located in the seating areas of the sanctuary.

- ◆ Inviting all people to *belong* to the church of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Equipping those who *believe* as faithful disciples of Jesus, and...
- ◆ Sending members to *become* caring servants of God in the world.

### ~Serving in Worship Today~

**Worship Assistant:** Kevin Thomas

**Altar Guild:** Brenda, Clare, Marleigh, and Nancy

### ~In Our Hearts and Prayers~

#### **Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!**

If you notice someone missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea by phone, Facebook, email or by calling the church office so we can lift their name in prayer next service. Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

**Members of Grace:** Jon N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Carol F., Mike D., Kathy K., and Carole T.

**Family & Friends:** Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S., Virginia, Elliot, Pastor Inge, Kristi, Amanda, Cat & Diana S., (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Ron, Bonnie & Bob (*Susan Johnson*); Bob & Kim (*Jim Foreman*) Annmarie, Michael Ann, Family & Friends of Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob & Lou (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim & Vicki (*Meg LaSpina*); Janice and Pat (*Diana McArdle*) Bernadette, Lou, Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Donny, Carol (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine & Sal (*Corinne Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Bob T. (*Brenda Traa*) Tina (*John Staples*) Dottie Currie (*Deborah Walker*); Jeff & Amanda (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee and Darlene; Mary Anna & Frank.

**Those serving our country:** Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

**At Home:** Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Reardon, Lois Rahme & Skip Uhrmann

## ELW Setting 10

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*Please refer to your brown Celebration Hymnals (CH)  
the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (ELW)  
and the blue With One Voice (WOV)*

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## GATHERING

**WELCOME**

Rev. Althea Albright

**PRELUDE**

*One Bread, One Body*

setting by Ron Schmoltze

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us  
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the  
fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN***Rise, Shine, You People!***ELW #665****GREETING**

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.**

*Please turn to the front section of the red ELW hymnals*

**KYRIE****ELW p. 203****HYMN OF PRAISE****ELW p. 204****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

*Please be seated*

*Please turn to the special Baptism Ceremony Bulletin for Mila Jame DiStefano*

**WORD****FIRST READING:** Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say,

“Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

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These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM: 22:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not | far away; O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me | from the sword, my life from the power | of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.**

**SECOND READING:** Galatians 3:23-29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Please to your red hymnals to the front section, as we will now sing the Gospel Acclamation*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELW p. 205**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 8:26-39

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

<sup>26</sup>Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As 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. <sup>28</sup>When 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”—<sup>29</sup>for 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.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him,

“What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now 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.

<sup>33</sup>Then 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.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then 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. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then 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. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

<sup>39</sup>“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. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

*Children’s Sunday school is taking a break for the summer.*

*“Grace Friends” Sunday School will return in the Fall.*

## SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

**ELW #843**

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*      arr. by Howard Helvey

*Please stand as you are able*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*      **WOV#732**

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Pastor:* United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Leader:* Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



*Pastor:* You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, hungry, and sick *especially*... Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* God of every time and place, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
 almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the  
 Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in  
 splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
 And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of  
 heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite us all, with your body and blood. May all honor and glory  
 be yours O Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All are welcome at the table of Christ. Come and be fed. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Lamb of God*

**ELW p.208**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able*

**BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**ELW #886**

*{Verses 1, 4 & 6 (All) Verse 2 (Women) Verse 3 (Choir) Verse 5 (Men)}*

**POSTLUDE**

*Rise, Shine, You People*

by David Cherwein

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**DEDICATIONS**

**Today's service is dedicated to all fathers and father figures in our lives, both with us on earth and in heaven.**



# EVENTS THIS WEEK

## June 19, 2022 - June 26, 2022

### Sunday, June 19, 2022

#### Fathers Day

8:00 am Spoken Service  
8:45 am Adult Sunday School  
10:15 am Liturgical Worship

#### *Baptism Ceremony for Mila DiStefano*

3:30 pm AA Group

### Monday, June 20, 2022

9:00-11:30 am -Food Pantry

7:00 pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday, June 21, 2022

9:00 am-11:30 am Food Pantry

6:30 pm NA Meeting

7:00-9:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, June 22, 2022

9:00 am-11:30 am Food Pantry

11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge

7:00 pm -NA Meeting

Happy  
Father's  
Day



### Thursday, June 23, 2022

9:00 am-11:30 am Food Pantry

5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps

7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

### Friday, June 24, 2022

10:00 am Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm AA Meeting

### Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:00 am *Saint Joe's Food Drive*

### Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Liturgical Worship

3:30 pm AA Group

~CHURCH OFFICE HOURS~

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

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