

# *Worship Folder*



## *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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# Grace Lutheran Church

July 4-5, 2020

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

## **GREETING**

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

P: Lord have mercy

**C: Christ have mercy**

P: Lord have mercy

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Unison*

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for  
yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may  
believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*(Response after first and second reading)*

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity.  
Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of  
hope."*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your  
king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the  
war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command  
peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the  
ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold,  
O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### **Psalm 145:8-14**

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout  
all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

### **Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**All: Alleluia. Blessed are you, Lord of heav'n and earth; you have revealed these things to infants. Alleluia.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*(Response after each petition)*

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)*

P: Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

C: **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also 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 our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **REFLECTION MUSIC**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

**P:** Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

**C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **SENDING HYMN**

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **PRAYERS**

Don Furze, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Hazel Werblow, Richard Scott, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

**Prayer Concerns: We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the LARCC Clergy at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

## **CHURCH OFFICE OPEN LIMITED HOURS**

The Church Office continues to be open, Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

## **CHRIST IN OUR HOMES**

Devotionals for the next quarter of July - September are available in the office lobby. If you are not venturing out yet, phone the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

## **DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Talking about Race - Adult CE ZOOM at Grace for July 5th at 11:30 a.m.**

Talking about race and racism is tough and fraught with anxiety and difficulty. So let's begin a discussion this Sunday in our class. Our Wired Word is about a recent example of a conversation, the success of it and the pitfalls in the experience.

Remember our new time of 11:30 AM. If you didn't get the info for the Zoom meeting, email the pastor or call the church. See you then.

## **ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS**

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week. Please let others, family, friends and church members know about this. We hope these recorded services are meaningful. It is GOD'S WORD and it needs to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

## **PASTY FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser for improving our outdoor sign at Grace Lutheran. We had a lot of pasty orders and we hope they were as enjoyable to eat as they were to make! Thank you again. We were able to raise \$828.50.

Elsa Phillips

## **MISSION TRIP POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 - COLLECTING BOTTLES/CANS**

A special thank you to Grace members and friends who continue to support our community mission trips. Due to Covid we canceled all fundraising this spring which led us to postpone our trip until June 2021. We are continuing to raise funds over the next year with the hope we will be able to have a trip next year.

With that said, we hope you would consider donating your cans/bottles that have been accumulating at your home over the last several months to our 2021 mission trip fund. You can bring your returnable to Grace starting on June 13.

Thank you, Vicki, Staci & Marsha, Mission Trip Leaders

## **ZOOM FELLOWSHIP**

### **Thursday July 9th at 7 PM.**

Missing some church people? Join in a Zoom Fellowship on your computer or smartphone or tablet. And meet up and catch up. An email will go out the first of the week with Zoom info.

If you need information on using Zoom on your device, call the office or Pastor. It works quite well and is straightforward to use.



## ***Congratulations Graduates!***

### ***Alpena High School***

***Jake Schiller***

***Madison Timmreck***

Madison will attend University of Michigan  
Ross School of Business this Fall  
pursuing a degree in Business Administration

Her future career plan is to attend medical  
school to become a pediatrician

***Adam Urlaub***

Adam will attend Michigan State University  
this Fall with an interest in Anthropology

### ***Saginaw Valley State University***

***Connor M. Freel***

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Connor is currently working in the Emergency Department  
at McLaren Bay Region Hospital in Bay City, Michigan.

His future plan is to become a flight nurse.

### ***Future Plans***

***Ashley Timmreck***

Ashley will be attending medical school at Kansas City  
University of Medicine and Biosciences - Joplin Campus

She is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree  
Area of Interest: Emergency Medicine

*Note from Ashley:* Although I am moving further away from my  
Grace family, I would love to keep in touch with you all.

My new address, beginning in July is:  
2317 S. Wall Avenue, Joplin, MO 64804

Anniversaries  
of  
Baptism



Birthdays



**July 1**  
Sharon Engstrom  
Kelly Pankey

**July 4**  
Caitlin Wade

**July 5**  
Myles Granata  
Ann O'Connor

**July 6**  
Rachel Chroninger  
Taylor Chroninger

**July 7**  
Whitney Barrow  
Grace Kuligowski  
Harper Suszek

**July 8**  
Charity Corwin

**July 14**  
Richard Carlson

**July 15**  
Scott Lancaster

**July 17**  
Michele Amelotte

**July 20**  
Rhonda Anderson  
Christopher Carlson  
Amelia Kamyszek

**July 22**  
Mike Schiller

**July 24**  
Vicki VanEssen

**July 29**  
Kathy Piontkowski  
Olivia Viegelaahn

**July 30**  
Linda Batchelor

**July 1**  
Christopher Carlson  
Tami Romel  
Dale Schultz

**July 2**  
Jonathan Lang

**July 3**  
Kay Zinsli

**July 4**  
Riley Gohlke

**July 6**  
Wayne Christopherson  
Jon Crow  
Donald LaBarre

**July 7**  
Grant Anderson  
Larry Garant  
Elaine Hatch

**July 9**  
Joanne Nicholls

**July 10**  
Stephanie Suszek

**July 12**  
Gloria Moore  
Brittany Nowak  
Hadleigh Suszek

**July 15**  
Myra Cross  
Vicki Denstaedt

**July 16**  
Clarence Cross

**July 17**  
Leslie Reynolds  
Sandra Weise-Maiuri

**July 18**  
Scott Kuligowski

**July 21**  
Margaret Clemens  
Dorothy Hansen  
Brian Nelson  
Patti Tucker

**July 22**  
Joel Fraley  
Kay Grove

**July 23**  
Scott Henning

**July 24**  
Christena Christopherson  
Jim Hansen

**July 27**  
Pam Gohlke  
Anthony Thompson

**July 28**  
Paige Timmreck



Wedding  
Anniversaries

3rd	Ken & Jo Ann Apsey
6th	Ken & Nancy Amelotte
14th	Jim & Denise Timrick
	Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th	Jeff & Shirley Diamond
19th	Fred & Joanne Kindt
27th	Scott & Judy Black
29th	Greg & Ellie Walker
30th	Ray & Leslie Reynolds

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - June 28	4,099.00
FEMA Grant - Disinfecting Supplies	1,000.00

**This week we received:**

22 envelopes and 1 new Give+ payments made from our website

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