

# Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin



August 2, 2020

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Gathering Liturgy

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW pg. 94)

**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 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.

**C Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**C 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.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

GATHERING SONG. Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW #689),

1 *Praise and thanksgiving, God,  
we would offer  
for all things living, you have  
made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of  
the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.*

2 *God, bless the labor we bring  
to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may  
be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would  
work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily  
bread.*

3 *Father, providing food for  
your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to*

*share  
one with another, so that,  
rejoicing  
with us, all others may know  
your care.*

4 *Then will your blessing reach  
ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious  
hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one  
will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the  
land.*

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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.

**C And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: p. 204

*Come, let us join our cheerful  
songs with angels round the  
throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their  
tongues, but all their joys are  
one.*

*"Worthy the Lamb that died,"  
they cry, "to be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips  
reply, "for he was slain for us!"*

*Jesus is worthy to receive honor  
and pow'r divine;  
and blessings, more than we can  
give, be, Lord, forever thine.*

*Let all creation join in one to  
bless the sacred name  
of God who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
Glorious God, your  
generosity waters the world with  
goodness, and you cover creation  
with abundance. Awaken in us a  
hunger for the food that satisfies

both body and spirit, and with  
this food fill all the starving  
world; through your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Lectionary 18 Readings

### Isaiah 55:1–5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without  
price.

Why do you spend your money  
for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that  
which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat  
what is good,  
and delight yourselves in  
rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an  
everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for  
David.

See, I made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a leader and commander for  
the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that  
you do not know,  
and nations that do not  
know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

### Psalms 145:8–9, 14–21

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

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait  
upon you, O LORD,  
and you give  
them their food in  
due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your  
hand  
and satisfy the  
desire of every living  
thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous  
in all your ways  
and loving in  
all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who  
call upon you,  
to all who call  
upon you faithfully.

<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the  
desire of those  
who fear you;  
you hear their  
cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all  
those who love you,  
but all the wicked you  
shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the  
praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless  
God's holy name forever  
and ever.**

### Romans 9:1–5

I am speaking the truth in  
Christ—I am not lying; my  
conscience confirms it by the  
Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow  
and unceasing anguish in my



heart. For I could wish that I  
myself were accursed and cut off  
from Christ for the sake of my  
own people, my kindred  
according to the flesh. They are  
Israelites, and to them belong the  
adoption, the glory, the  
covenants, the giving of the law,  
the worship, and the promises; to  
them belong the patriarchs, and  
from them, according to the  
flesh, comes the Messiah, who is  
over all, God blessed forever.  
Amen.

Gospel: **Matthew 14:13–21**

Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,

“This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”

They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”

And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## Pastor Barker’s Sermon: Matthew 14:13–21

I want you to think back on a time where you felt pleasantly full after a meal. What did that meal smell like? What did that meal taste like? Who were you with?

When I think about a very satisfying meal I think all the way back to a school field trip when I was about 10. I don’t remember where we went on the field trip, but I do remember lunch. We stopped at a Taco Bell for lunch. And on this particular field trip we could buy up to \$10 worth of food there. So I bought seven tacos for lunch!

My mother always had a reasonable three taco limit when we went out — so this felt like a tremendous amount of abundance and a splurge!

And unlike my trip to buffets at the end of this meal, I didn’t feel sick.

Today we find so much abundance in our reading.

Jesus is trying to find solitude after the murder of his cousin John the Baptist. But the crowds keep following him and when he sees them he has compassion on them and goes to work healing their sick.

There are enough sick people that this is taking well into the evening and the disciples wonder how everyone is going to

eat. They suggest Jesus should send everyone home and disperse this crowd so everyone can go get dinner.

But Jesus instead asks them what they have, discovers they have five loaves and two fish, and goes on to miraculously multiply these elements to feed 5,000 men plus their families.



In fact, Jesus multiplies so much bread, that there end up being 12 baskets full after everyone has been filled.

This is a beautiful moment of Jesus first abundantly healing people from this large crowd and then abundantly providing food to these crowds.

In this moment I need to hear this word of abundance because truth be told, covid-19 has made it feel like there is so much scarcity. I think of our Grace families that can no longer see grandchildren and children

for fear of getting sick. I think of our Grace families mourning loved ones that they could barely visit at the end and then could only have small funerals. I think of our families that have loved ones who have lost jobs. I think of our families wondering what to do with students at home. I think of our members who are tired of watching church on video and being on zoom calls.

In so many ways this moment feels like a time of scarcity. In this moment I relate to what the disciples say, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late, send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

In other words, they are saying, Jesus, we are out in the middle of nowhere, we have no food, these crowds need to go away.

In this moment it is so easy to feel we don’t have enough.

But Jesus does not leave the disciples, or us, without what we need.

Jesus takes their very meager collection of bread and fish — five loaves and two fish — and multiplies them to feed this large crowd.

This week I was thinking about how this passage comes in

the chapter right after Jesus compares the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed—being the smallest of seeds only to grow into the largest of trees.

And we see in this moment Jesus live out this parable. He takes five loaves and two fish and feeds 5,000 men plus their families. He takes what seems incomprehensibly small and turns it into something

incomprehensibly large and abundant.

I think of something Ian Clyne said about a month ago. He said he feels like he is watching God do the miracle of the fish and loaves at Grace Welcome Center during this pandemic. Watching God grow our pantry from providing food for 40 families to 140 families has been a miraculous thing to watch. It has been a great

reminder that God is abundant, even in what feels like a deserted place.

I'll close with this. One of the spiritual tasks of this moment is to keep trusting and celebrating God's abundance. In so many ways it feels like we are in a deserted place and yet the task is to keep trusting that God will give us what we need and continue to provide for us.  
Amen.

## Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY. Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW #515)

- 1 *Break now the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you,  
O living Word.*
- 2 *Bless your own word of truth,  
dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace,  
my All-in-All!*
- 3 *You are the bread of life,  
dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live  
with you above;  
teach me to love your truth,  
for you are love.*

CREED

**C** 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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

PRAYER VERSE Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying;  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying;*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation (*local needs may be named*). Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires.. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
  - Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
  - Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
  - Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
  - Hank Buehrens
  - Andrew Calvert
  - Pat Calvert
  - Alyssa Caputo and fiancé Aaron Dell
  - Barb Caputo
  - Holly Cummings
  - Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold's boyfriend)
  - Jim & Connie, parents of Welcome Center volunteer Lynda Eirich
  - Gregory Foster
  - Steve Gapko
  - Shirleen Gulick
  - Dennis Houston (Dawn's father-in-law)
  - Sydney Houston
  - David Kramer
  - David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
  - Dorothy Keuffer
  - \* Dean and Ruth O'Hanlon
  - \* Nancy Piehl (Andrew Calvert's cousin)
  - Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, Lytoshia
  - Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
  - Marcia Swanson
  - Joyce Swift
  - Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
  - Dottie Watts and Rollie Weiss
  - Kristi Weiss (Rollie's daughter)
- Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation, Grace Lutheran Church, such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known (*especially...*). Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING. We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW #686) v. 1

1 *We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**P** God of goodness and growth, 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.

**C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING. (ELW p. 144)

**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 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 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 (ELW p. 144)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r 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.*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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

**P** Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

## COMMUNION

**P** The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

R7 Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

*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.*

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (ELW #464)

1 *Bread of life, our host and meal,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,  
feed us with your love.*

2 *Bread now break and wine now pour,  
Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore;  
feed us with your love.*

3 *Grant forgiveness in the feast—  
Jesus, feed us—  
for the greatest and the least;  
feed us with your love.*

4 *Thank you for this gift we share.  
Jesus, feed us.  
Save God's children everywhere;  
feed us with your love.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** God of the welcome table, 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.

**C 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.**

## SENDING SONG: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW #843)

1 *Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the prisoners,  
turning blindness into sight.*

*Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.*

- 2 *Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in every land.*

- 3 *Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;*

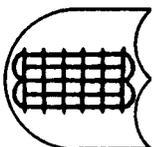
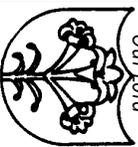
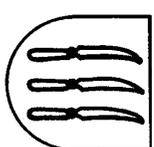
*Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.*

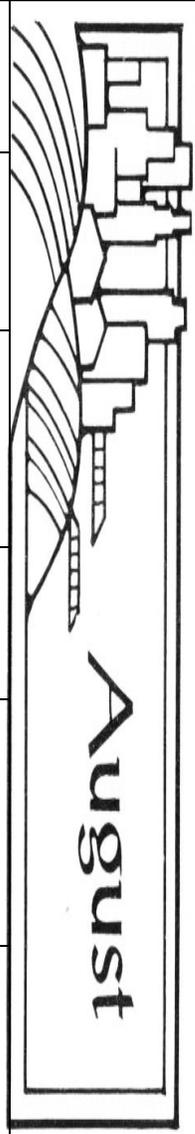
**DISMISSAL**

 Go in peace. Christ is with you.

 **Thanks be to God.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b> 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 4:30-6:30 pm Welcome Center food pantry</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00-9:00 am Grace Welcome Center 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:00-9:00 am Grace Welcome Center 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
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## Grace Offerings: July 26, 2020

General offering .....	\$ 1,052.00
Benevolence.....	\$ 103.00
Infant Moses ministry .....	\$ 30.00
Welcome Center, food pantry .....	\$ 10.00
Initial offering .....	\$ 5.00
Altar flowers .....	\$ 20.00
Total .....	\$ 1,220.00
Grace weekly budget: \$ 2,943.20	

*Notes:* Please remember to mail in your offering checks to Grace during this time. You can also contribute electronically through the



“Donations” link at [GraceKenosha.com](http://GraceKenosha.com).

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Aug. 4 Viola & Garriet Dreger (64)
- Aug. 4 Dawn & Scott Houston (19)
- Aug. 5 Linda & James Lemke (48)
- Aug. 8 Mark Sturino
- Aug. 10 Alyssa Caputo & Aaron Dell (o)
- Aug. 14 Linda Noer
- Aug. 16 Tricia Childs
- Aug. 23 Holly Cummings
- Aug. 24 Linda Wadham
- Aug. 25 Shirleen Gulick
- Aug. 25 Linda & Thomas Noer (52)
- Aug. 25 Jacqueline & Kenneth Wermeling (24)
- Aug. 27 Bert & Brian Felland (37)
- Aug. 31 Jacob Zigner