

# EXTRA Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin



August 16, 2020

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Gathering Liturgy

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

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

☐ **Amen.**

☐ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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.**

GATHERING SONG. All Are Welcome (ELW #641), vv. 1 & 5

1 *Let us build a house where  
love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and  
children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and  
visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end  
divisions:*

Refrain: *All are welcome, all are  
welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

5 *Let us build a house where  
all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught  
and claimed  
as words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and  
laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of  
grace,*

*let this house proclaim from  
floor to rafter: Refrain.*

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### 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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: p. 204b  
*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 power 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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may

be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Lectionary 20 Readings

### Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed. ...

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

### Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

*Paul writes:* I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew...

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre

and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting



after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Pastor Barker's Sermon: Matthew 15:21-28

At the beginning of Jesus's ministry in Luke's gospel Jesus says this during his first sermon:

And [Jesus] said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. (Luke 4:24-26)

Once Jesus is finished saying this those first listeners want to murder him by throwing him off a cliff. Jesus's first listeners hated this idea that God would show mercy to people in Sidon—specially, when there were plenty of people in Israel that needed God's attention.

Underlying this is an ethnic hatred. The people who lived in Sidon were historic enemies of God's people going back to the time of Goliath—Philistines lived on the same coast.

In Matthew's gospel we see what happens when Jesus actually goes to this region.

In many ways this passage echoes Elijah's ministry. Jesus is teaching the Pharisees, but they take offense at what Jesus is saying. Elijah similarly was teaching and calling for repentance in his day.

Both hit a dead end—they are rejected by God's people. And this leads them to into the region of Tyre and Sidon.

When they enter this region both end up connecting with faithful widows who have children who need help.

But, here the stories diverge. Jesus, in probably the most uncomfortable moment in his whole ministry, initially opts not to help this Canaanite



woman.

When first approached by her, Jesus seemingly accepts the cultural assumption of Jews that Canaanites don't have a part of God's salvific work. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." This is a shocking statement from Jesus. Jesus here is clearly expressing a view of ethnic superiority.

And it gets worse. He continues by saying, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." He is further dehumanizing her by calling her an animal rather than human. Also, there are obvious ways in which this is problematic because of her gender as well. Jesus just called her a dog.

Jesus is clearly in the wrong with the way he treats her initially.

But, this is not how the passage ends, fortunately. The Canaanite woman does not give

up on getting her daughter help—Jesus realizes her faithfulness—and exorcises the demon from her daughter.

We see Jesus learn and come around in this passage.

In fact, by the end, the passage becomes incredibly controversial because just like in Luke's gospel, there becomes a comparison. The Pharisees at the beginning of our reading—the teachers of Israel—reject Jesus. But, this Canaanite woman has great faith and **accepts** Jesus. This certainly would have been an uncomfortable comparison for Jesus's first followers to see. The foreigner, the historic enemy, has been more faithful than their own teachers!

Not only do we see this passage change Jesus towards this one Canaanite woman, but by the very last chapter of Matthew's gospel, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

What an unbelievable transformation!

Jesus, who at the beginning of this passage is talking about an exclusionary mission is now saying the mission is explicitly to make disciples of all nations.

This passage continues to call to us. The gospel of Jesus is not just for us—it is not just for our nation or for people from our culture—it is a gospel for all the nations of the world.

Amen.

# Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY. We Come to You for Healing, Lord (ELW #617) vv. 1 & 5

1 *We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch  
we may again be whole.*

5 *We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.*

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## 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 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 prayig:*

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

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

**☉ hear our prayer.**

**☐** You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that

the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

**☉ hear our prayer.**

**☐** You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

**☉ hear our prayer.**

**☐** You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing, 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 and 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, Lytosha
  - 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,

**☉ hear our prayer.**

**P** In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation Grace Lutheran Church grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, *especially Carol Buzza and Gary Larson*, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, 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

##### MEAL

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** Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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. Lead On, O King Eternal (ELW #805) vv. 1 & 3

1 *Lead on, O King eternal!  
The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.*

4 *Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light;*

*the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

**P** The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God bless you, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW #858) vv. 1 & 4

1 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of  
creation!*

*O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and  
salvation!*

*Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!*

2 *Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me  
adore him!*

*All that has life and breath, come now with praises  
before him!*

*Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!*

## DISMISSAL

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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# *Pastor Barker Will Be On Summer Vacation*

Pastor Barker will be away on vacation August 17 to 31. Pastor Kevin Beebe from Spirit Alive! Lutheran Church will be on call for pastoral care here through August 30; Pastor Jim Lynch at

Lakeside Lutheran Church will be on call on August 31.

Rev. Warren Williams is slated to lead our Sunday worship services on August 23 and 30.

# Grace Notes Is Available Electronically

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by e-mail rather than U.S. Mail, please let Paul know. Leave a phone message at 262-654-9143 (mailbox "0") or at [graceoffice@wi.rr.com](mailto:graceoffice@wi.rr.com)

We continue to livestream our worship services on Facebook; search for GraceElcaKenosha. The video is then posted later in the morning on our website.

## Grace Offerings: August 9, 2020

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| General offering .....              | \$ 1,245.00 |
| Benevolence.....                    | \$ 135.00   |
| Infant Moses ministry.....          | \$ 10.00    |
| Welcome Center, food pantry .....   | \$ 10.00    |
| Via Thrivent Choice.....            | \$ 174.00   |
| Sunday NA group building use .....  | \$ 30.00    |
| Amistad Cristiana building use..... | \$ 800.00   |
| Total .....                         | \$ 2,404.00 |

Grace weekly budget: \$ 2,943.20



*Notes:* Please remember to mail in your offering checks to Grace when you are not able to worship with us in person. You can also contribute electronically through the "Donations" link at [GraceKenosha.com](http://GraceKenosha.com).

## We Still Have Space in Our Pews on Sunday Morning

To improve the experience of those who are worshipping from home we are lending out hymnals. You can sign out a hymnal from Paul Tuesdays-Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and keep it through the duration of COVID-19.

We strongly recommend you do not join us for worship if you are in a high-risk group either because of age, or because of a pre-existing condition, or because you live with a family member who falls into one of those categories. We will continue to send out the sermons in the mail and will continue to do live broadcasts.

There is plenty of space for more people to attend worship services in person at this time; there have generally been only three people in the pews on Sunday morning, not counting the pastor and persons in the balcony.

To worship with us, please contact Paul during the week (262.654.9143) or contact Nancy (262.287.3820) or Pastor Jonathan (626.864.6404) before 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning—there will be a list. Also, when you get your name on the list please let us know if you would like grape juice or wine for communion.

Please consider signing up with Paul to be a communion assistant or reader.



Please monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms of fever and respiratory illness. If you have either of these symptoms, please do not come to worship. If we notice you are having acute symptoms, we will politely ask you to leave.

All worshippers will enter through the ramp side door.

Weather permitting, we will keep the ramp side door open until 9:30 a.m. so that people don't need to touch the door handle. On days when this is not possible, Greg will spray the door down after each person touches it. The door will be locked at 9:30 a.m. After this time, we cannot be open to the general public safely.

Worshippers are invited to pick up a bulletin from a stack near the door. (They will not be handed out.)

We strongly recommend using hand sanitizer as you enter the sanctuary. We have hand sanitizer in the narthex, as well as masks.

Masks will be required for everyone, except Pastor and the reader. (This is non-negotiable for participation, and saved Grace Welcome Center Pantry from an outbreak.)

To cut down the risk of spread, we will not sing hymns, but Nancy will still play the organ. Also, we will no longer have responsive or communal prayers

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## We Still Have Space

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and readings—all of that will be done by Pastor. The reason for this is indoor singing and loud speaking are two of the easiest ways to spread coronavirus.

The service will still be filmed and the floodlight that enables that will still be used.

Every other pew has been blocked off. We seat one family unit per pew.

There will be “no-contact” passing of the peace.

The offering plate will be on a stand at the back of the church. The offering will be locked in the safe by Pastor and Greg at the end of the service.

For communion, Pastor and one communion assistant will stand in the middle aisle. While practicing social distancing, people will come up in family units to commune. They will receive the bread and cup of wine or juice, then walk toward the side aisle to eat and drink the elements. They will then throw their cup away in a trash can there and walk back to their pew by the outside aisle. Pastor will be using a no-touch wafer dispenser. Pastor and communion assistants will have masks and gloves on.

As we leave worship, we will need to maintain social distancing of six feet.

Pastor will stand in the middle of the narthex to avoid causing a line. For those that want to speak with pastor, they may but will need to keep social distancing.

Greg will sanitize the bathrooms before Sunday morning. After worship the sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned, including using Lysol spray on the pew cushions.

If we learn that anyone has come to worship that has COVID-19, we will call everyone on the list who came to worship, as well as the Kenosha County Health Department, and we will shut down the following Sunday to make sure nobody became infected. Executive council will closely monitor the situation and if needed, will shut down church for more weeks until it is safe to return.

If you have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 or anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19, or have symptoms of a fever or coughing or other respiratory symptoms, we require that you stay home. This obviously does not apply to those who have chronic respiratory illness in our congregation. If you have acute respiratory problems, we would ask you to stay home for your own safety.