

EXTRA Grace Notes

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



August 9, 2020

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Gathering Liturgy

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW pg. 94)

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

C Amen.

P 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.

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 have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG. Eternal Father, Strong to Save (ELW #756) vv. 1 & 4

1 *Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the
restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

4 *O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's
hour
from rock and tempest, fire and
foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they
go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from
land and sea.*

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 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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Lectionary 19 Readings

1 Kings 19:9–18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalms 85:8–13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those
who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down
from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD;
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Romans 10:5–15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”

But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

Now when Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.



And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it

is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



Pastor Barker's Sermon: Matthew 14:13–21

Growing up at church we used to play a game called sardines at lock-ins. It was pretty much reverse hide and go seek. One person would hide and everyone else would look for them.

We'd always play at night and the church I grew up in had all sorts of hallways and closets and stairwells. Not only was it mazelike but parts of the building were old enough to have creaks and it could be quite spooky walking around—although as a middle school boy that was the last thing I wanted to admit.

Add to that that my youth pastor was one of those cool-goofy-pastors that would do things like hide in a closet with a scary mask or leave cow body parts around—nothing is as freaky as reaching into your jacket pocket and feeling a cow ear.

I wonder when you have experienced something terrifying—whether it be more of a fun terror like night games or a roller coaster or more serious terror around all sorts of life-threatening situations.

Today, we read about the disciples in a truly terrifying experience. Our reading is the

second part of the story from last week. Jesus has just fed 5,000 men plus their families. The disciples get into the boat and leave while Jesus is still healing people and eventually dismisses the crowds.

While the disciples are in the boat, the weather turns. Waves are battering the boat and the wind is against them. It is a perilous situation.

It doesn't get really terrifying though until the disciples see a "ghost". The disciples are terrified as this "ghost" walks out towards them.

This week as I was reading this passage I was struck in a new way how terrifying this must have been. They are in the middle of this storm and now they see a figure walking towards them—this would have had to be surreal.

As I was thinking about the disciples' situation I thought about the way grief has had a terrorizing quality to it at Grace over the last several weeks. We have had so many members receive serious health diagnoses, we have had members lose loved ones, and we have had members having long term living arrangements changed.

One of our members shared with me that there has been so much hard news recently they hate getting phone calls now, worrying what they will hear. A feeling I can really relate to.

The weight of grief can feel so heavy at points that it can be terrifying. It can feel like a grief storm that will sink our boat. Several members have shared with me with all this grief swirling it is hard to know how to keep going forward. It just feels crushing and overwhelming.

So, what do we do in the midst of terrifying grief?

The first thing, is we see Peter, with much doubt challenge this "ghost". If it is you, Jesus, "command me to come to you on the water."

Jesus responds by telling him to come and Peter steps out of the boat into the stormy water.

If I was Peter, truth be told, the last thing I would want to do is step out of my boat in the midst of a storm. But he does.

This is such a beautiful reminder to me that in the midst of terror, in the midst of hard times like grief, our life as faithful Christians does not stop.

In fact, often times, in the midst of storms, in the midst of

loss, in the midst of grief, that is when Jesus calls us anew.

So often, I have seen this happen. During a time of great loss, of great terror, God will call someone to a new spiritual discipline. In times of the terror of great grief I have seen people start a new daily Bible reading routine, a new daily prayer routine, take on a new service project at church, and at points even take on a completely new vocation.



only does Peter receive this call to walk on water in the middle of

And it can be smaller things as well. Sometimes the call during a time of great terror of great loss is to just get out of bed in the morning. Sometimes it is to find one thing you are grateful each day, even when everything feels grey.

Not

the storm, but he gets afraid and starts to sink. This feels so true to life. Sometimes we muster up all the faith we can to step out in faith during stormy times only to get terrified again.

What does Peter do though? He cries out to Jesus for help and Jesus catches him.

I love this image that when we step out of the boat Jesus is ready to catch us.

So let me close with this question.

In the midst of the collective grief we are feeling as a congregation. In the midst of individual grief and loss and the ways that can feel terrifying. What is Jesus calling us to do?

How are we being called to continue to step out of the boat? Amen.

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY. God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW #400) vv. 1 & 4

1 *God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!*

*Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!*

4 *God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!*

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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 praying;

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.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: “Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid.” May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

© **hear our prayer.**

P For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day especially:

- The family and friends of Gary Larson, husband of Marge, father of Krisan Knapp
- The family and friends of Carol Buzza, sister of Welcome Center volunteer Jackie DeLoria
- 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, marrying this week
- 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself, *especially Gary*

Larson and Carol Buzza. 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 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.

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 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: It Is Well with My Soul (ELW #785)

1 *When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain: *It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

4 *Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be
sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. Refrain.*

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 The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me (ELW #755) vv. 1 & 3

1 *Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee.*

Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 *When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me:
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Grace Offerings: August 2, 2020

General offering	\$ 1,450.60
Benevolence.....	\$ 10.00
Welcome Center, food pantry	\$ 100.00
Parking lot usage	\$ 40.00
<u>Holy Assembly building usage.....</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,100.60

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.

The altar flowers are given by Garriet and Viola

Dreger for the glory of God and in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

Pastoral Acts

Funeral: Carol Lynn Buzza, August 8, 2020

Carol was born on January 19, 1947 in Ironwood, Michigan, to William and Betty (Dragish) Buzza. Survivors include her her boyfriend, Gus Filk of 45 years; children Krista (Anthony Jr.) Piccolo of Burlington and Amy Dunn of Milwaukee; mother, Betty Buzza of Kenosha; sister, Jackie DeLoria of Kenosha; grandchildren, Brandon and Liam Piccolo; and also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

2020 Synod Assembly Canceled

At its regular meeting on May 21, 2020, the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 Synod Assembly, which had been rescheduled to meet in mid-August.

After prayerful discernment and thoughtful consideration of multiple options, including a virtual assembly, the Council's decision was based on continuing concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on large public gatherings.

The Italian Community Center has graciously allowed deposits made toward this year's assembly to be applied to the 2021 Synod Assembly.

Our synod constitution only requires an assembly every three years. Some of the business conducted by the Synod Assembly can be addressed by

Synod Council. The Council will continue to meet virtually to handle business. Meeting summaries are available afterwards online at <https://milwaukesynod.org/who-we-are/synod-council/>.

The decisions regarding changes from Clusters to Conferences have been tabled at present and may be considered prior to the 2021 Synod Assembly, scheduled April 30-May 1. The synod office is beginning to refund registration payments already made prior to the postponement and cancellation of the Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact the synod office.



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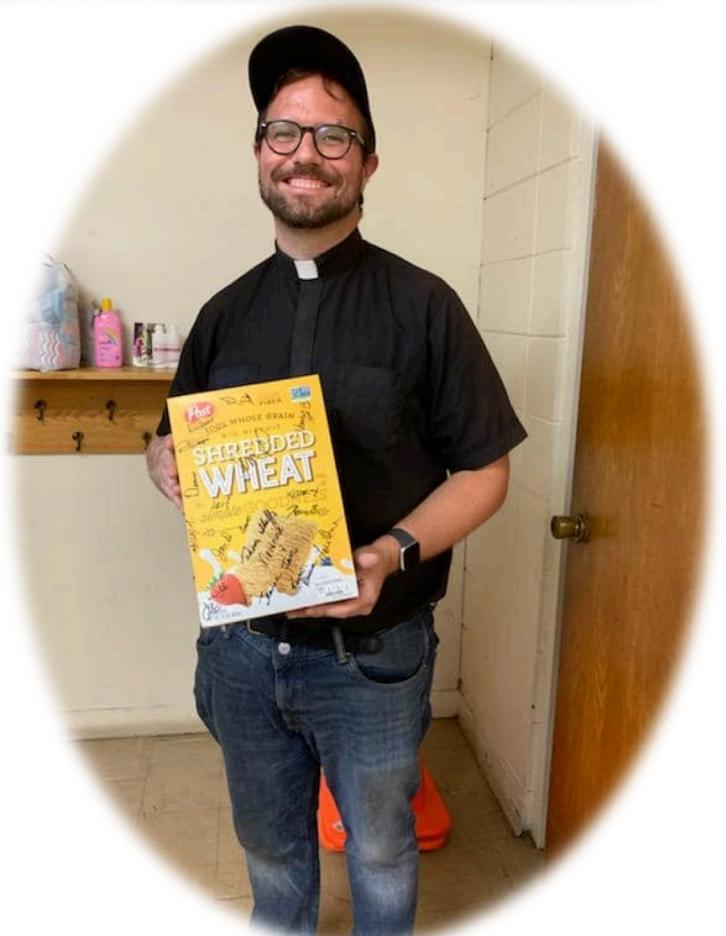
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What's for breakfast at Grace Welcome Center?