

# Grace Notes

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



June 27, 2021

## Gathering Liturgy for Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C** Amen.

**P** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

**C** help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We

**question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**P** Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the

bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C** Amen.



**Gathering Song: All Are Welcome** (ELW #641)

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

**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.

### Kyrie (ELW p. 203)

*Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.*

*Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.*

*Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!*

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

# Readings for Lectionary 13

## Lamentations 3:22–33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
“The LORD IS my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”  
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
to give one’s cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.  
For the Lord will not reject forever.  
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

## Psalms 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**  
<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in**

## holy remembrance.

<sup>5</sup>God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night,  
but joy comes in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor,  
made me as strong as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.  
<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**  
<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.  
<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous

undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

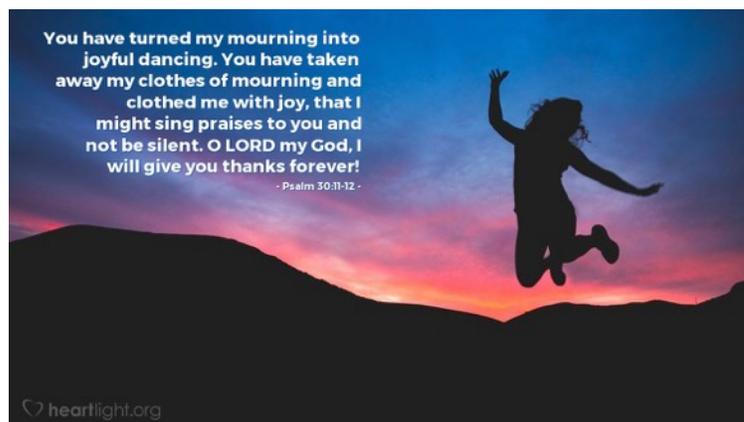
I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

## Gospel: Mark 5:21–43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My



little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.”

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.

Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

## Pastor Barker’s Sermon: Mark 5:21–43

I want you to think for a second about people you interact with but whose names you don’t know. Maybe it’s someone who checks you out at the grocery store, or checks you in at the doctor’s office, or a janitor that makes sure the bathrooms are clean at your office.

And we might contrast this against those who we have not met but do know their names, like Aaron Rogers or Serena Williams.

Our gospel reading this morning makes a contrast between an unnamed woman and a named religious leader.

To catch up from last week, Jesus calms a storm and then finds himself in the tombs with a demoniac that cannot be bound and is running around beating himself with rocks while howling

at the moon. Jesus proceeds to exorcise those demons.



Our gospel this morning picks up with Jesus returning back to the side of the lake he started on.

And as soon as he returns, there is a great crowd that

gathers around him and at this point we meet our named character—Jairus, one of the leaders of the synagogue.

Jairus comes before Jesus with a deathly sick daughter at home, and begs for help. Jesus agrees and they start heading towards his house with a continued large crowd following them.

Here let me pause for a second and encourage you to think about the last time you were in a big crowd on the move—maybe think at the end of a sporting event when everyone is trying to get out of a few exits. This press of humanity is pretty much the backdrop of all of Mark’s gospel, including our passage this morning. This is also a reminder that Jesus was leading something akin to a mass

movement—again especially apparent in Mark’s gospel.

As Jesus walks with this crowd we meet the next main character in our passage—an unnamed woman who has been hemorrhaging for twelve years, who, according to Mark, our narrator, “had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had”.

We also know that in Ancient Israel, her illness would have made her unclean. Leviticus 15:25 specifically says, “If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness.”

In this state she could not personally go the Temple, and further those who touched her

would also be made unclean until evening.

This would have put her on the margins of her society.

But, she ends up the hero of our reading because she has great faith. “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well,” she says. And this is exactly what happens; she is able to push her way to behind Jesus and grabs his cloak and she is healed instantly.

And this miracle is like so many others in Mark’s gospel. Jesus is willing to touch and heal those who are unclean—whether it be lepers, demoniacs, those with withered hands, or even the dead.

We have to remember at the center of the purity law was the idea was that God needed to be protected from that which was impure so as not to be defiled.

And here Jesus is, the God-man, mercifully touching all these unclean people. Jesus’ ministry radically celebrates mercy over purity.

I think about the beautiful ways I see mercy play out here at Grace, even when it is not easy. Several years ago at Reformationfest, we had a homeless woman come who had not showered in a long time. It would have been so easy to uninvite her—but that’s not what happened. Our dear sister in Christ Lori and a few others not only welcomed her in so she could eat lunch but helped her shower.

Let us always choose mercy over whatever we think decency looks like.

Amen.

## *Creed, Prayers, and Meal*

### **Hymn of the Day: We Come to You for Healing, Lord** (ELW #617)

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.**

### **“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**

**☐** Let us come before the triune God in prayer. God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

**☐** **hear our prayer.**

**☐** Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and

empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick *especially*:

- ▽ Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
  - ▽ Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
  - ▽ Doug Becker (Marlene Binninger's son)
  - ▽ Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
  - ▽ Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
  - ▽ Hank Buehrens
  - ▽ Andrew Calvert
  - ▽ Pat Calvert
  - ▽ Barb Caputo
  - ▽ Holly Cummings
  - ▽ Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold's boyfriend)
  - ▽ Connie, mother of Welcome Center volunteer Lynda Eirich
  - ▽ Gregory Foster
  - ▽ Steve Gapko
  - ▽ Judith Gotland
  - ▽ Shirleen Gulick
  - ▽ Aggie Hartnell (Bert Felland's mother)
  - ▽ Sydney Houston
  - ▽ Jacqueline & David Kramer
  - ▽ David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
  - ▽ Dorothy Keuffer
  - ▽ Dean O'Hanlon
  - ▽ Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytsha
  - ▽ Janice Riutta (Senja Underwood's mother)
  - ▽ Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
  - ▽ Marcia Swanson
  - ▽ Joyce Swift
  - ▽ Linda Wadham
  - ▽ Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
  - ▽ Dottie Watts
  - ▽ Kristi Weiss (Rollie's daughter);
- Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

**P** We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you (*especially...*). Envelop them in your love, that (*with Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, and all your saints*) we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C Amen.**

**Peace**

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

**C And also with you.**

*Meal*

**Offering: We Give Thee but Thine Own** (ELW #686)

*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** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**C Amen.**

**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 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. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
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** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **Communion Song** (ELW p. 208)

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.*

### **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (ELW #886)

*1: Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!*

*6: To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heaven.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**P** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C Amen.**

### *Sending*

### **Blessing**

**P** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Sending Song: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer** (ELW #618)

*1: Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.*

*Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.*

*3: When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.*

**Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Altar Flower Dedication**

The altar flowers this Sunday are given for the glory of God by Patsy Callahan in honor of her granddaughter on her birthday.

Thank you also to Judy Gregory for sponsoring bulletins for the month of June.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <i>Canada Day</i> 8:00-9:30 am Grace Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	<b>2</b> 8:00-9:30 am Grace Welcome Center breakfast	<b>3</b> <i>St. Thomas</i> 
<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i> 9:30 am Worship service 	<b>5</b> <i>Venezuelan Independence Day</i> 9:00-noon Food pantry volunteers	<b>6</b> 4:00-5:30 pm GWC food pantry	<b>7</b> 12:00-3:00 pm Kenosha Coalition Organizing Resolution	<b>8</b> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	<b>9</b> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 am Worship service	<b>12</b> 9:00-noon Food pantry volunteers	<b>13</b> 4:00-5:30 pm GWC food pantry	<b>14</b> <i>Bastille Day</i> 12:00-3:00 pm KCOR	<b>15</b> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	<b>16</b> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast	<b>17</b> <i>Tisha B'Av</i>
<b>18</b> 9:30 am Worship service at Pennoyer Park bandshell	<b>19</b> 9:00-noon Food pantry volunteers	<b>20</b> <i>Colombian Independence Day</i> 4:00-5:30 pm GWC food pantry	<b>21</b> 12:00-3:00 pm KCOR 	<b>22</b> <i>Mary Magdalene</i> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	<b>23</b> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>St. James</i> 9:30 am Worship service 	<b>26</b> 9:00-noon Food pantry volunteers	<b>27</b> 4:00-5:30 pm GWC food pantry	<b>28</b> 10:00-noon Vacation Bible School 12:00-3:00 pm KCOR	<b>29</b> <i>St. Olaf</i> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast 10:00-noon VBS 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	<b>30</b> 8:00-9:30 am GWC breakfast 10:00-noon VBS	<b>31</b>

**July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Neil Clyne .....July 1  
Debra & Keith Dreger (39<sup>th</sup>).....July 10  
Lori Martin .....July 17  
Michael Hill .....July 18

Sawyer Specht ..... July 18  
Shirley LaFayette ..... July 19  
Brian Felland ..... July 26

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## Sign Up for Vacation Bible School July 28-30

Grace will host a Vacation Bible School in partnership with Grace Welcome Center this summer July 28-30 from 10:00 a.m. to noon those three days.

Please think about signing up your kids or grandkids for this great opportunity to sing songs, have meals, do crafts and learn about hope. Also, please consider volunteering for those days. Vivienne Clyne and Karen Kempinen are leading VBS this year, and Vivienne can be reached for more information at [clyne.vivienne@gmail.com](mailto:clyne.vivienne@gmail.com)



### Grace Offerings: June 20, 2021

General offering .....	\$ 837.00
Benevolence .....	\$ 22.00
Altar flowers.....	\$ 40.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 10.00
Bulletins .....	\$ 80.00
Pastor appreciation.....	\$ 110.00
Parking lot.....	\$ 30.00
Noisy offering.....	\$ 2.41
Non-member designated gifts:	
Pastor appreciation.....	\$100.00
Vacation Bible School.....	\$ 120.00
Non-member non-designated gifts .....	\$ 300.00
<u>Minus banking fees.....</u>	<u>\$ (21.00)</u>
Total .....	\$ 1,630.41
Grace weekly budget:	\$ 3,224.20

## Worship at Pennoyer Park Bandshell July 18

Meet us all for an outdoor worship service 9:30 am. Sunday, July 18 at the Pennoyer Park bandshell, 3601 Seventh Avenue. You are encouraged to bring chairs and parasols, and to stay for a church picnic.

A special appreciation for Pastor Jonathan Barker is planned to express the community's thanks for his inspiration and leadership. Toward that end, we are taking up a collection to buy Pastor Barker a suit. Contributions can be earmarked "Pastor Appreciation."

NOTES: Please remember to mail in your offering checks to Grace if you are not attending worship services in person. You can also contribute electronically through the "Donations" link at [GraceKenosha.com](http://GraceKenosha.com).