

Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140-3893
Sunday, August 27, 2023
Lectionary 21 ☪ 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Barker
Musicians: Ian Clyne & David Underwood
Lay reader:
Communion assistants: Carolyn Reynolds
Projectionist: Jarlene Kriehn



GATHERING

WELCOME —Rev. Jonathan Barker

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME STATEMENT

☐ Let us affirm our welcome statement.

☑ **Grace Lutheran Church commits to live as a community of people seeking reconciliation and wholeness in our life together and in our ongoing outreach to the world. We commit to the work of anti-racism, anti-ableism, liberation, and environmental justice for all of God's beloveds. We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, culture, disability, age, or physical demeanor. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.**

You are absolutely invited to share your gifts as you join us in this lifelong journey. We welcome and embrace all who are seeking God's love and grace. We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together we will know the kin-dom of God has come near.

WELCOME SONG —Carolyn Reynolds

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "THIS IS THE DAY/REJOICE IN THE LORD"

This is the day

This is the day

1: *This is the day*

That the Lord has made

I will rejoice and be glad in it

Oh this is the day

That the Lord has made

I will rejoice and be glad in it

Chorus: *Rejoice in the Lord*

Rejoice in the Lord

(Rejoice)

2: *Celebrate the presence of*

the Lord

For He is worthy to be praised


Celebrate the presence of the

Lord

For He is worthy to be praised

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1–6

 A reading from Isaiah.



Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were
hewn,

and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;

for Abraham was but one when I called him,

but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion,

comfort all its waste places,

and will make its wilderness like Eden,

and its desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in Zion,

thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,

and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,

and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,

my salvation has gone out

and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,

and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,

the earth will wear out like a garment,

and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be forever,

and my deliverance will never be ended.

 The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole
heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and
praise your name, because of your steadfast
love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your
word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O
LORD,**

**when they have heard the words of your
mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.


⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

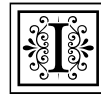
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep
me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of
my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

 A reading from Romans.



appeal to you therefore, brothers and
sisters, by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and

acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but
be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so
that you may discern what is the will of God—
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to
everyone among you not to think of yourself more
highly than you ought to think, but to think with
sober judgment, each according to the measure of
faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we
have many parts, and not all the parts have the
same function, so we, who are many, are one
body in Christ, and individually we are parts one
of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the
grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

³the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in
generosity; the leader, in diligence; the
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

 The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13–20

 The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.



ow when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son-of-Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not

revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the dominion of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON. Rev. Jonathan Barker

SONG: PUT NOT YOUR HOPE IN THE NATION

1: *Put not your hope in the nation;
Put not your hope in a king.
Trust in the only one who opens eyes
and sets the prisoner free.*

2: *He is the maker of heaven;
He formed the earth and the sea.
Our help will come from the Lord our God,
our gracious king of peace.*

Refrain: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise
the Lord, O my soul!*

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*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the
Lord, O my soul!*

3: *He is the hope of the hungry;
He is the Lord of the feast.
Our Father's house always opens wide
to welcome refugees.*

4: *The fatherless find a Father;
The widow rests in His strength.
The heart of God is forever home
to all the poor and weak.* Refrain.

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

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

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*Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. We pray especially for:

- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Eric Berge (Paul's brother)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Tricia Childs
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Jan Dugdale
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Dick Kauffman
- Becky McCarthy (Jarlene's sister)
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Jill Swails
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Gracie Underwood
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Kristi Weiss
- Pam Wisse

C **Your mercy is great.**

Hear us, O God.

P Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed (*especially...*). Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG: THE BLOOD WILL NEVER LOSE ITS POWER

1: *The blood that Jesus shed for me
'Way back on Calvary
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow'r*

*From day to day
It will never lose its pow'r*

2: *It soothes my doubt and calms my fears
And it dries all my tears
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its power*

Chorus: *It reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the lowest valley
The blood that gives me strength*

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
R7 Amen.

SONG: O God, You Search Me (ACS #1082)

- 1: *O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.*
- 2: *You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.*
- 3: *Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and
through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past, and future, too.*
- 4: *Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.*
- 5: *For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.

SONG: I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN

1: *For God alone I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord*

SONG: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW #807)

- 1: *Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.*
- 2: *Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*
- 3: *Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

*He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong I trust in Him*

Chorus: *I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love*

2: *Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth*

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*The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help*

3: *Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry
No other hope will never fail you
No other love will not run dry*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C Thanks be to God.

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Opportunities This Week at Grace

Sunday, August 27	Pastor Barker at church	
9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
7:00 pm	NA	library/Rainbow Room
Monday, August 28	Pastor Barker at church	
8:00 am	Prayer group	library/sanctuary
8:00 am - noon	Pantry volunteers	lower level
12:00 noon	Men's group	library
Tuesday, August 29	Pastor Barker & Paul in office	
9:00 am - noon	Pantry volunteers	lower level
4:00-5:30 pm	Welcome Center food pantry	parking lot; courtyard entrance
Wednesday, August 30	Paul in office 9:00-2:00	
Thursday, August 31	Paul in office 9:00-2:00	
8:30-9:15 am	Grace Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room
2:00-5:00 pm	Infant Moses diaper ministry	nursery
Friday, September 1	Paul in office 9:00-2:00	
8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room
Saturday, September 2	<i>V-J Day</i>	Pastor Barker at church
Sunday, September 3	Pastor Barker at church	
9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
7:00 pm	NA	library
Monday, September 4	<i>Labor Day. Office closed</i>	

This past summer Gus Underwood and his dad have been discussing what it means to follow Jesus in Baptism. Gus is now ready to be baptized and to tell his closest friends and families that he loves Jesus and wants to follow him all the days of his life. The Underwoods invite you to join them for this very special occasion. Where: Gus's grandparents pool and yard, 3802 25th Street; please park on the street. When: Saturday, August 26 5:00 to 8:00. We'll have pizza and hummus; please bring a small

dessert, swim suit and towel if swimming, lawn chair. We look forward to celebrating with you this very important moment in Gussies life.

Thank you to Bert & Brian Felland for giving the altar flowers and sponsoring the worship bulletins this month!

Birthdays & anniversaries this week:
August 27: Bert & Brian Felland (40)

We're preparing a printed membership directory in September. Please check the preliminary print-out in the narthex for any errors and omissions. Thank you!

Attendance August 20: ~26

A recent storm wiped out the computer that operates the key card system at Grace. We now have an appointment on Friday, September 1 for reinstalling the program that operates the door lock system. Key cards will continue to work until that program is re-installed. If you have one of the key cards, Paul will need the numbers printed on your card in order to reauthorize your card. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Grace Welcome Center is accepting résumés for the position of Fund Developer. Responsibilities include applying for grants, managing fund-raisers, thanking donors, and maintaining the Welcome Center's social media. Full job descriptions are available from the church office, or on line at <https://gracekenosha.com/2023/08/10/fund-developer-position/>

Pastor Barker is at Grace Saturday through Tuesday. Then, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, he will be home taking care of Zeiah on the days Rae works. As has been the case in the past on non-office days, Pastor Barker will be available for pastoral emergencies—although now an infant will be joining him.

Our Facebook page has moved! In order better to facilitate staff and council contributors to our page, we are now at GraceLutheranKenosha on Facebook. That's the one with the mustard sprout icon instead of the pre-mural photo of the church building.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
U.S. WILDFIRES

AUGUST 2023 ELCA.org/disaster

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to

assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.

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Yes, I want to help!

Lutheran Disaster Response: *U.S. Wildfires* \$ _____ DDG0077

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010

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Write "*U.S. wildfires*" or "*Where needed most*" on your check's memo line.

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Please update your bookmarks and followings.

August 20 offerings/receipts:

General	\$ 2,165.00
Benevolence	\$ 20.00
Parking lot.....	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 5.00
From friends:	
General	\$ 2,340.00
Building use donation	\$ 150.00
Outreach for Hope grant	\$ 6,250.00
<u>Minus transaction fee.....</u>	<u>\$ (2.50)</u>
Total	\$ 11,027.50

Weekly budget: \$2,671.70