

Grace Lutheran Church  
2006 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140  
The seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024  
Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Barker  
Music leader today: David Underwood  
ASL interpreter: Dottie Watts  
Greeter: Greg Foster  
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## GATHERING

WELCOME.

WELCOME SONG — Carolyn Reynolds

### 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 kingdom of God has come near.

GATHERING SONG: "JOHN 13:34-35"

Verse: *A New Commandment I give to you  
That you love one another  
Just as I have loved you.* Repeat.

Chorus: *You ought to love one another,  
Love one another, love one another.*

Verse: *A New Commandment I give to you  
That you love one another  
Just as I have loved you.* Repeat. Chorus.  
Chorus again.

Bridge: *By this all people will know that you are  
my disciples  
If you have love for one another.* Repeat twice.  
Chorus. Verse again.

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### GREETING (ELW p. 203)

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.


Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

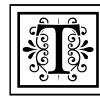
**Amen.**

## WORD

### YOUTH MESSAGE

#### READING: Isaiah 61:1–3

 A reading from Isaiah.

he spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the  
oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion —  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON — Rev. Jonathan Barker

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "BEAUTIFUL WORLD"

1: *Woke up this mornin' feelin' good  
I've got a joy that can't be understood  
Another blessing from up above  
I woke up this mornin' feelin' good  
The sun is shinin' on my face  
And I'm singin' on my  
It's just another ordinary day  
And the sun is shinin' on my face*

Chorus: *What a beautiful world  
What a beautiful world  
What a beautiful world this is  
What a beautiful world  
What a beautiful world this is* (repeat)

2: *The birds are singin' up in the tree  
Singin' a blessing over me  
You give me everything, everything I need  
The birds are singin' in the tree*

Coda: *La la la la what a wonderful world*  
(repeat 4 times)

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VERSE: "This Is My Song" (ELW #887) vv.1 & 3

1: *This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart  
is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy  
shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as  
mine.*

3: *This is my prayer, O God of all earth's  
kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be  
done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.*


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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION


 Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.


*A brief silence.*


You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially...*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

 Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

 Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

- ☐ Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction, especially:
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
  - Darlene Bard
  - Kate Barker
  - Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
  - Doug Becker (Marlene Binninger's son)
  - Eric Berge
  - Pat Bernacchi
  - Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
  - Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
  - Hank Buehrens
  - Andrew Calvert
  - Cameron Carr (Karen Cassiday's nephew)
  - Holly Cummings
  - Eric Dangerfield
  - Todd Detert (Dottie's grandson-in-law)
  - Jan Dugdale
  - Barb Ehlen
  - Gregory Foster
  - Judy Gregory
  - Shirleen Gulick
  - Cogan Holly Hall
  - Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
  - Ginger Helgeson
  - Christine Hill
  - Sydney & Skyler Houston
  - Bob Kauffman (Dick's brother)
  - Dick Kauffman
  - Norma Larson
  - Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
  - Mary Jean Preston
  - Rex Reeve
  - Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
  - Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
  - John Schatzman (friend of Karen Cassiday and Don Cornelius)
  - Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
  - Patti Shields

- Jill Swails
  - Marcia Swanson
  - Joyce Swift
  - Andrew Tate
  - Ron and Linda Wadham
  - Steve & Heather Waldron
  - Henry, Florence, and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's brother and sisters)
  - Charles and Timothy Walker
  - Dottie Watts
  - Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
  - Pam Wisse
  - Kristi Weiss
- Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,
- ☐ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,
- ☐ **hear our prayer.**
- Here other intercessions may be offered.*
- ☐ Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially Alfred Paul Krampert Jr. ...*). Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,
- ☐ **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- ☐ **Amen.**

#### PEACE (ELW p. 206)

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☐ **And also with you.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 209)

## MEAL

#### OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

- ☐ Let us pray.  
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready

to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☐ **Amen.**

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- ☐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☐ **Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (sung)

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

*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 debts  
As we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory forever  
And ever. Amen*

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

☐ The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**COMMUNION**

☐ The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
℞ Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG: "EVERYWHERE I GO"**

1: *You are in the shadows  
You are in the sunlight  
In the brightest morning  
In the darkest midnight  
Everywhere I turn  
there before me you stand*

2: *In the rushing river  
I can hear your laughter  
In the rain and thunder  
In the silence after  
Everything I know  
is a gift from your hand*

Chorus: *Everywhere I go I see your face  
I know your name  
Everywhere I go I hear your voice  
I feel you close*

3: *In the little sparrows  
Tell me of your mercy  
I will trust your caring  
And you will never let go  
Everyone I hold  
We are all in your hands*

4: *Give me ears to hear  
You give me eyes to see you  
In the wine you offer  
In the bread you feed me  
Everywhere I turn  
At your table I stand*

Coda: *Everywhere I go I see your face  
I know your name  
Everywhere I go I hear your voice  
I feel you close  
Everywhere I go  
Spirit of God you are with me*

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**COMMUNION SONG: "ETERNAL HOPE"**

1: *You are my anchor  
In times of trouble*

*My hiding place  
Where I am safe*

Chorus : ***You are my eternal, eternal help  
You are my eternal, eternal hope  
Where I am safe Where I am safe***

2: ***When I am tired You are my refuge  
And my strong tower  
Where I can run*** Chorus

Bridge: ***Blessed be the rock  
Blessed be the rock  
Blessed be the rock of my salvation*** (repeat)

3: ***You are my eternal, eternal help  
You are my eternal, eternal hope***

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- ☑ **Amen.**

### SENDING

#### BLESSING

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- ☐ The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.
- ☑ **Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG: "NEW EVERY MORNING"

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#### DISMISSAL

- ☐ Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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We invite everyone to sit in the first eight pews on each side of the sanctuary—this will make the acoustics of our congregational singing much stronger.

Sensory toy baskets have been placed in our sanctuary and lobby for any who are neurodiverse. Please help us make our space

welcoming for everyone by returning the toys to the baskets for future use.

Thank you to Karen Kempinen for giving the altar flowers this Sunday for the greater glory of God.

Thank you to David & Janice Riutta for sponsoring bulletins in May.

# Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 12 Mothers Day	Pastor Barker at church 9:30 am          Worship service 7:00 pm          NA	sanctuary/Facebook Rainbow Room
Monday, May 13	Pastor Barker at church 9:00 am-noon    Welcome Center volunteers 9:00 am          Prayer group 6:30 pm          L'Arche	lower level library narthex
Tuesday, May 14 St. Mathias	Pastor Barker at church. Paul in office 9:00-2:00 8:00 am-noon    Welcome Center volunteers 4:00-5:30 pm    Welcome Center food pantry	lower level courtyard, parking lot
Wednesday, May 15	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00	
Thursday, May 16	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00 8:30-9:15 am    Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm    Infant Moses diaper ministry	Rainbow Room Room 102
Friday, May 17 Syttende mai	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00 8:30-9:15 am    Welcome Center breakfast 5:00 pm          Synod assembly	Rainbow Room Italian Community Center, MKE
Saturday, May 18	Pastor Barker at Synod Assembly 8:00 am          Synod assembly	Italian Community Center, MKE
Sunday, May 19 Pentecost	Pastor Barker at church 9:30 am          Worship service 10:55 am        Church council 7:00 pm          NA	sanctuary/Facebook library Rainbow Room

Infant Moses Ministry welcomes donations of shopping bags for guests to take their diapers and wipes home in.

Many will remember how good it felt to bring your mother some flowers. Here's your chance to do it again. Mother's Day is fast approaching, and we are aiming to purchase 20 plants from our native list to create a "Mothers Garden." Our team is at the ready to develop a low maintenance show stopping front garden by the mural doors. Mom, mother in law, special mother figures, Mother Earth or all of the above; please consider a (cash) donation or two. \$20 will get you one mature native plant and \$35 will get you two. This will run through Mother's Day. Honor the mothers in your life and Mother Earth all at the same time!

Have you been longing to experience God's presence in a deeper way? Does your heart feel heavy with worry, despair, resentment or frustration? Please consider going up to one of our healing prayer ministers today during

communion. Our prayer ministers will listen to your concerns and pray for you while the congregation is singing. Everything you say will be kept in strictest confidence and only be between you, God and your prayer minister. Prayer ministers will be located on the right side of the stage in front of the altar. If you would like a prayer minister to come to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers or pastor know.

Our Monday morning prayer group is looking for a new time to meet that would be convenient for more people. If you're interested in joining our Monday morning prayer group but can't make it because of scheduling, please talk to us and let us know a better time.

We're asking Grace members and friends to sign release forms giving Grace permission to post photos on Facebook and GraceKenosha.com. If you haven't signed one already, please see Karen in the narthex.

Attendance May 5: ≥35 in person + ≥3 on line

Receipts last week:

General offering.....	\$ 541.00
Benevolence .....	\$ 9.00
From non-members:	
For General offering.....	\$ 1,005.05
for Welcome Center.....	\$ 100.00
via Thrivent Choice .....	\$ 20.00
<u>Minus banking fees .....</u>	<u>\$ (28.50)</u>
Total .....	\$ 1,646.55

Have you wanted to do something more to help LGBTQ+ youth and young adults in Kenosha? Grace Lutheran is starting the Open Arms Ministry, a program that provides volunteer parents or grandparents to attend and support significant events in an LGBTQ+ person's life when their family, community or church has abandoned them. Volunteers agree to attend a young person's special events, such as commencements, weddings, opening nights or a birthday in the role of supporter and cheerleader. They commit to provide an appropriate gift, card and their loving presence at significant events. If you are interested, please see Karen Cassiday about this new opportunity to be the eyes, ears, mouth and hands of Christ.

This Friday, May 17 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at Milwaukee's Italian Community Center, you are invited to participate in a hearing to give feedback on the draft of a social statement about civic life and faith. Rev. Cindy Crane from the Lutheran Office of Public Policy will serve as convener. Read a draft of the social statement at [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Civic\\_Life\\_and\\_Faith\\_Draft.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Civic_Life_and_Faith_Draft.pdf)

Our Synod office is looking for a few more volunteers to help with registration at Synod Assembly, May 17 and 18 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. Volunteers, preferably persons not attending as voting members, are needed on Friday from 1:30 pm to approximately 7:00 pm, and Saturday morning from 7:15 to 10:00 am. You'll be sitting at the registration tables, handing out badges, lanyards and booklets; answering some basic questions from attendees; and, most importantly, keeping meticulous track of attendees (on a printed registration list) as

they check in (detail is important, as the registration list is critical for determining our voting counts.) So, if you are friendly, social, detail-oriented, you have legible handwriting and you are not planning to attend Assembly as a voting member — please consider volunteering! Contact Phil Smith by email at [phil@milwaukeeesynod.org](mailto:phil@milwaukeeesynod.org) or call 414 671 1212

OBITUARY: Alfred Paul Krampert, Jr. – June 30, 1943 – April 12, 2024: Paul Krampert, 80, died on April 12, 2024 in Tillamook, Oregon as he was leaving the YMCA after his daily swim.



He was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on June 30, 1943, the eldest child of Alfred Paul Krampert, Sr. and Karla Marie Balk. He attended local schools in Kenosha and graduated from Wisconsin Academy, Columbus, WI in 1961. He received a B.A. in history

and chemistry from Walla Walla University in 1965 and a law degree from Willamette University in 1969. He worked as a garbage collector in Salem while attending law school and developed a passion for gardening while living for a time on a small farm in Idaho with his former wife, Karen Schoepflin.

Upon his return to Kenosha in the 1980's, Paul worked for the Kenosha Parks Department and did yard work for family and friends. Paul tended his aging grandparents, John and Karla Balk and after they passed away maintained his residence in their home. As his parents in Oregon eventually also needed his help and attention, he also traveled to Oregon to assist them and maintain their home in Oceanside.

Paul was passionate about gardening and swimming, and pursued lifelong interests in baseball, religion, literature, philosophy and history. He loved music and played the organ for Grace Lutheran Church in Kenosha and for several churches in Tillamook. When he was able, he preferred to ride a bicycle even in winter and visited the YMCA in both Kenosha and Tillamook regularly. He brought his harmonica and small flute to the Y and played music for the enjoyment of everyone while he waited for transportation.

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Alert: If you receive an email claiming to be from Pastor Barker asking you to buy gift cards and to reply with the numbers on them, IT IS NOT FROM PASTOR BARKER. Delete the email and do **not** respond to it.

Join CUSH Tuesday, May 21 for an educational info session to learn more about the barriers to voting from jail and what we can do about it. Disenfranchisement takes many forms, and the difficulty voting from jail is one of them. Invite your friends, family, congregation members, and colleagues who

share a passion for upholding everyone's civic right to vote! 6:00 pm | Bradford Community Church UU, 5810 Eighth Avenue.

Pastor Barker will be on vacation the week of May 21 through 30.

 **Courage**  
May Courage Be Our Daily Breath

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