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Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
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GATHERING

WELCOME

- ☐ Good morning! Grace Lutheran wishes to acknowledge and honor the Potawatomi people, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place — this land — and call it their home.

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: "GOD THE MAKER"

1: *We bring our time we bring our treasure
We lay them down before Your throne
You will make them something greater
More than we could ever know*

2: *We bring our gifts we bring our power
Place them in Your sovereign hand
You will take what we have given
You will use it for Your plan*

Chorus: *Glory be to God the Maker
Glory be to God Creator
Take our time use our treasure
Turn them into something greater
Glory be to God the Maker*

3: *Though our hearts are weak from failure
Broken dreams and failed attempts
Show us that in every season
You will fill our emptiness*

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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.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your

presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the dominion of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to Jesus, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the dominion of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

"Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to Jesus, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son-of-Man.

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son-of-Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God loved the world in this way, that God gave the Son, the only begotten one, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON — Rev. Andrew Nyren

HYMN OF THE DAY: "SPIRIT MOVE"

"DEEP PEACE" (ACS #1018)

*Deep peace of the running waves,
deep peace of the flowing air,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict (*especially...*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
- Darlene Bard
- Kate Barker
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene Binner'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.
Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints (*especially...*). As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

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.

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 (sung)

P 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

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONGS: "COME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY"

1: ***Come, all who are weary
I will give you rest
Come all who are striving
Lean upon my breast
For my yolk is easy
And my burden light
Oh come all who are weary Come***

2: ***Come all who are wounded
Crying out how long
Come all who are waiting
For the break of dawn
Darkness will not hide me
Forever from your sight
Oh come all who are wounded Come***

3: ***Come all who are weeping
All whose hope is gone
Come all who are sighing
All who lost their son
Your every tear is numbered
Your every sorrow known
Oh come all who are weeping come***

Coda: ***Oh come all who are weary
Wounded and weeping
All of God's children come***

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COMMUNION SONG: "CENTERING PRAYER"

Chorus: ***I wanna be where my feet are
I wanna breathe the life around me
I wanna listen as my heart beats, right on time
I wanna be where my feet are***

1: ***I chase my worries
I flee my sorrows
But what you give me is now
So take my burdens
and my tomorrows***

I wanna be where my feet are. Chorus

**2: *I run to capture
the next horizon
but what you give me is here
I get no farther
and still I find you
I wanna be where my feet are***
Bridge: ***The ground below me
is how you hold me
I wanna be where my feet are*** repeat

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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 (sung)

✠ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✚ be upon you now and forever.

[C] Amen.

SENDING SONG: "BRING IN THE YEAR OF JUBILEE"

**1: *The meek will inherit the earth
The meek will inherit the earth
The first will be last and the last will be first
The meek will inherit the earth***

**2: *The wicked will lose what they stole
The wicked will lose what they stole
And all that they thought they could own and control
The wicked will lose what they stole***

Chorus: ***Jubilee Now is the year of His favor
Jubilee Rest for the weary creation
Now bring in the year of Jubilee***

**3: *Turn now from evil to good
Turn now from evil to good
Then we will dwell in the land as we should
Turn now from evil to good***

**4: *The earth it will sigh with relief
The earth's gonna sigh with relief
There's more than enough for the hungry to feed
The earth will sigh with relief***

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DISMISSAL

[P] Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
[C] Thanks be to God.

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We welcome Rev. Andrew Nyren leading our worship service this morning.

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.

Pastor Barker is on vacation through Thursday. Rev. Kathy Brown is on call in case of pastoral emergency (St. Mary's: 262-658-3555).

Our world celebrates 24/7 busyness—devices that seek our attention, stores that are open all night, and a value of producing all the time. Yet, this is contradictory to our Christian tradition which centrally teaches us that at the very core of creation is rest. Join us for this four-week series starting on Sunday June 2.

Thank you to Bob and Jan Waldron for sponsoring the altar flowers this Sunday for the glory of God and in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 30.

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

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, May 26 Trinity Sunday	Pastor Barker on vacation 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	sanctuary/Facebook library
Monday, May 27 Memorial Day	Pastor Barker on vacation 9:00 am-noon Welcome Center volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group	lower level library
Tuesday, May 28	Pastor Barker on vacation. 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 29	Pastor Barker on vacation. Paul in office 9:00-2:00	
Thursday, May 30	Pastor Barker on vacation. 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, gym Room 102
Friday, May 31 The Visitation	Office closed 8:30-9:15 am Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
Saturday, June 1	Pastor Barker in office 2:00-4:30 pm l'Arche Mosaic	4122 5 th Ave.
Sunday, June 2 Sabbath Sunday	Pastor Barker at church 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	sanctuary/Facebook library

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.

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

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.

For our June l'Arche Mosaic group, we will have a combined event with our Chicago and

new founding Milwaukee group this Saturday, June 1, 2:00-4:30 pm at Carlos' home, 4122 5th Ave., Kenosha. (*There will be no meeting on Monday, June 3.*) Please bring an item to create a big charcuterie board. The Schauts will provide iced tea and water. This will be a time to really get to know each other and experience the joy of belonging. Our time will include fellowship, a time of prayer and then a walk to the lake to see the kite festival. In case of weather concerns, or needing to reach me that day, contact Leah at 262-818-3480.

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.

Birthdays and anniversaries this week:
Bob & Jan Waldron, May 30 (50)

Paul will be out of the office this Friday, May 31.

We ask 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.

Receipts last week:

General offering.....	\$ 1,902.00
Benevolence	\$ 213.00
Pastor's salary/benefits.....	\$ 10.00
Postage.....	\$ 3.00
Thrivent Endowment.....	\$ 50.00
Tree for garden	\$ 500.00
Worship team equipment	\$ 300.00
From friends of the congregation:	
for General offering.....	\$ 120.00
Altar flowers	\$ 40.00
Kay Finney memorial	
for Grace Welcome Center...	\$ 500.00
Holy Assembly building use	\$ 500.00
Sunday NA building use.....	\$ 40.00
Minus banking fees	\$ (0.00)
Total	\$ 4,178.00

Attendance May 19: >40 in person + >3 on line

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.

Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex to volunteer assisting worship, gardening, and other opportunities at Grace.

The Greater Milwaukee Synod's weekly e-news is the best way to get the latest official news and event information from the synod office. We especially encourage pastors, deacons and lay leaders from Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations to sign up, at <https://milwaukee-synod.org/connect/subscribe/>

Immanuel's "Songs With Friends Concert Series" Presents

A benefit concert for Helping the Homeless

Featuring two amazing folk singer/songwriters

David Roth and Anne Hills!



Saturday June 8 at 7 p.m.

Immanuel United Methodist Church
5410 Sheridan Road in Kenosha

Suggested donation: \$25 at the door-No one turned away

To order \$20 pre-sale, send check to above address by 6/4(zip 53140)

Questions: call 262-652-3784 or email songswithfriendsconcert@gmail.com