

Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140-3893
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 23, 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: "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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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.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your


strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

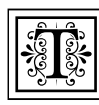
C Amen.

WORD

YOUTH MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Joshua 10:5–14

 A reading from Joshua.

hen the five kings of the Amorites — the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon — gathered their forces, and went up with all their armies and camped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

And the Gibeonites sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites who live in the hill country are gathered against us.”

So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the fighting force with him, all the mighty warriors. The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have handed them over to you; not one of them shall stand before you.”

So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who inflicted a great slaughter on them at Gibeon, chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. As they fled before Israel, while they were going down the slope of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down huge stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died because of the hailstones than the Israelites killed with the sword.

On the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, Joshua spoke to the LORD; and he said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and Moon, in the valley of Aijalon.”

And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in midheaven, and did not hurry to set

for about a whole day. There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded a human voice; for the LORD fought for Israel.

 The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Jonathan Barker

HYMN OF THE DAY: "SPIRIT MOVE"

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VERSE (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.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work (*especially...*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling, *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 Lytosh
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- John Schatzman (friend of Karen Cassiday and Dan 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.

P Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of

witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. 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.

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

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

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!

All are welcome at Christ's table. It is by Christ's invitation that we are able to receive his body and blood in the sacrament. Communion is distributed at the front of the center aisle after the musicians have received communion.

COMMUNION

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

R7 Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "DO WITH IT WHAT YOU WILL"

1: *You have given all to me
To you O Lord I return it
Everything I have is yours
Do with it what you will*

2: *You will gather all of me
Every gift every burden
Every day and every hour
Do with it what you will*

Chorus: *I lift it up, I lay it down
At your table
Multiply my sacrifice
For you are able*

3: *I will take my daily cross
Every step of the journey
I will bear it for your sake
Do with it what you will.* Refrain.

4: *Take my laughter and my loss
Make them tools of your mercy
Anything my hands can make
Do with it what you will
Do with it what you will
Do with it what you will*

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COMMUNION 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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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

♪ The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen...

SENDING SONG: "YOUR PEACE WILL MAKE US ONE"

1: *Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power
You are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard
'Til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one*

2: *I've seen you in our home fires
Burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding
In the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient*

*You will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one*

Chorus: *Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Glory glory hallelujah
Your peace will make us one*

3: *In the beauty of the lilies
You were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom
That is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires
Till each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one*

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DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

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 Judy Gregory for sponsoring the altar flowers in June for the greater glory of God. Thank you also to David & Janice Riutta for sponsoring bulletins in June.

Articles for the July newsletter are due in the church office (GraceOffice@wi.rr.com) by this Wednesday.

Attendance June 16: >33 in person, ≥1 on line.

L’Arche will meet in the narthex next week Monday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Receipts last week:
 General offering..... \$ 2,762.00
 Benevolence.....\$ 220.00
 From friends of the congregation:
 General offering.....\$ 400.00
 Holy Assembly building use.....\$ 500.00
 Sunday NA building use\$ 40.00
Minus banking fees\$ (14.25)
 Total \$ 3,907.75

Birthdays and anniversaries this week:
 Dena & David Corey, June 23 (40)

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.

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, June 23	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
	11:00 am	Church council meeting	library
	7:00 pm	NA	library
Monday, June 24	Pastor Barker at church		
John the Baptist	9:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
	9:00 am	Prayer group	library
Tuesday, June 25	Pastor Barker at church. Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
	8:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
	4:00-5:30 pm	Welcome Center food pantry	courtyard, parking lot
Wednesday, June 26	Pastor Barker home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
Thursday, June 27	Pastor Barker home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
	2:00-5:00 pm	Infant Moses diaper ministry	Room 102
Friday, June 28	Pastor Barker home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
Saturday, June 29	Pastor Barker at church		
Sunday, June 30	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
	7:00 pm	NA	library



Grace Lutheran Church



**LOVING, EMBRACING, AND SEEKING JUSTICE
FOR NEIGHBORS, CREATURES, AND CREATION**

Grace Lutheran T-Shirts: We're taking orders for Grace Lutheran Church t-shirts. The shirts will be in a chartreuse color from youth sizes small through adult 3XL for the price of \$20 apiece. We will collect payment with the order form on Sunday by placing it in the offering plate.

Name: _____



Please indicate number of each size you are ordering:

Child/Youth: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL

Adult: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL

Cost per shirt: \$20

Total owed: _____

Amount paid: _____ Cash _____ Check number _____ Credit card

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, which especially encourages pastors, deacons and lay leaders from Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations to sign up, at <https://milwaukee-synod.org/connect/subscribe/>

Last year, County Executive Kerkman rescinded a previous County Executive order that the Rainbow flag be displayed with other flags at the courthouse. This will be the second year that the Rainbow flag is not flown at the County Courthouse during Pride Month. CUSH's Rainbow Forward Task Force is looking for fifteen volunteers willing to take shifts to fly the Rainbow flag at the courthouse from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28. CUSH's program to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots to follow at 6:00. To volunteer, contact Cal Miller (cal88miller@gmail.com) or Rev. Dr. Monica (drmcummings@gmail.com).

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Road, in coordination with the LIFE Initiative, is proud to host a crucial event in the battle against human trafficking on Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the realities of human trafficking, educate the community on how to recognize and prevent it, and provide support to survivors. A children's workshop for ages 8-16 will also be provided. Visit www.facebook.com/thelifeinitiativeinc or email Jeff Wamboldt at jeff@freedomislife.org

"The State of Democracy": Journalist, political analyst, author and advocate John Nichols will be at Bradford Community Church, 5810 8th Avenue, for lunch and discussion at 12:30 p.m. June 30. Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase at (262) 656-0544.

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Founder and Pastor Overseer Juliette Hicks

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28 June

Friday 7:30PM

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Speaker
Elder Brandon Travis