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Jubilee Sunday, June 16, 2024, 4th Sunday after Pentecost
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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: "WE WILL MAKE NO PEACE WITH OPPRESSION"

Refrain: *We will make no peace with oppression*
We will make no peace no peace
We will make no peace no peace no peace with oppression
We will make no peace no peace

1: *Those who live by the sword will die by the sword*

We will stand against the violence of every form
We will march in the streets. No justice, no peace.
On and on till thy neighbor, till we all stand free.

Bridge: *Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.*
Almighty God, give us your strength.
Oh, oh, oh, oh. Refrain.

2: *We won't turn away from the pain of our brothers*

Cries of our sisters, Grieving of our mothers
We won't turn away from destructive politicians
Our overflowing prisons, corruption in our system.

Coda: *Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.*
Almighty God, give us your strength. (repeat three times)

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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

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of the captives; We remember before you our sisters and brothers in Galveston, Texas who on this day received the glad tidings of their emancipation; Forgive us for the many grave sins that delayed that liberating word; Anoint

us with your Spirit to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

WORD

YOUTH MESSAGE

READING: Leviticus 25:8–13

 A reading from Leviticus:

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month — on the day of atonement — you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land.

And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property.

 The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:16–19

P The Gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON • Rev. Jonathan Barker

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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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“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.

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises, 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 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.

Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P With gratitude, we remember (*the Emanuel Nine martyrs and all*) the saints who are now at

home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. 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 (LLC p. 55)

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!

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

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

R7 Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "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 yoke 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: "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.

G Amen.

NOISY OFFERING

SENDING

BLESSING (SUNG)

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and **+** give you peace.

G Amen.

SENDING SONG: "WE SHALL OVERCOME"

1: *We shall overcome,
we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe
we shall overcome someday.*

2: *We'll walk hand in hand,
we'll walk hand in hand,
we'll walk hand in hand someday.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe
we'll walk hand in hand someday.*

3: *We shall all have peace,*

*we shall all have peace,
we shall all have peace someday.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe
we shall all have peace someday.*

4: *We shall see the Lord,
we shall see the Lord,
we shall see the Lord someday.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe
we shall see the Lord someday.*

5: *We are not afraid,
we are not afraid,
we are not afraid today.
Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe
we are not afraid today.*

6: *God is on our side,
God is on our side,
God is on our side today.*

*Oh, deep in our hearts we do believe
God is on our side today.*

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

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Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, June 16 Fathers' Day	Pastor Barker at church 9:30 am Worship service sanctuary/Facebook 10:59 am Juneteenth pot luck narthex 7:00 pm NA library
Monday, June 17 Aid ul-Adha	Pastor Barker at church 9:00 am-noon Welcome Center volunteers lower level 9:00 am Prayer group library
Tuesday, June 18	Pastor Barker on call. 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 19	Pastor Barker home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00
Thursday, June 20	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 21	Pastor Barker home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00 8:30-9:15 am Welcome Center breakfast Rainbow Room, gym
Saturday, June 22	Pastor Barker at church Council reports due 9:00am-1:00pm Church cleaning day
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

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.

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 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.

Please join us for a Juneteenth pot luck lunch after the worship service today.

Church Cleaning Day: Saturday June 22, we will be doing some summer cleaning around Grace Lutheran Church. Please join us from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm as we work to declutter our church and make our church house welcoming to all guests who join us. We will serve lunch at noon for all our volunteers.

Attendance June 9: ≥33 in person, ≥2 on line

Protest T-Shirt Order: "Jesus Would Demand a Green New Deal"/"Protect the Climate Miracle" shirts can be ordered this Sunday. Shirts are \$20 each and can be ordered size adult M - 4xL. Please fill out an order form and drop in the offering plate. Orders will be placed early this week so please let us know your hopes. Anyone can buy these shirts and a group of us will be wearing them while we pray the Mustard Seed Prayer the next time a presidential candidate visits Wisconsin who is not willing to protect our common earth home. We will be praying on a public sidewalk outside the venue this time.

One of the presidential candidates, a climate denier who has told politicians that support the electric vehicle transition to "rot in hell" (his Christmas greeting), has told billion oil executives that for a billion dollars of campaign donations he will roll back all of Biden's climate regulations, and most recently mocked the whole idea of sea level rise, will be in Racine on Tuesday, June 18.

That day a group from Grace will be going to pray the Mustard Seed Prayer on the public sidewalk right next to where people will be entering his rally. There will be a caravan that meets at Grace at 6:00 am with a hard leave time of 6:30 am, or you can meet us up in Racine throughout the day. It is most important to be there between 7:00 am-11:00 am before they start screening people to get into the actual event. The event will be at: the Racine Festival Park, 5 5th St. Racine, WI 53403.

Also, please let pastor know asap if you would like a "Protect the Climate Miracle/ Jesus Would Demand a Green New Deal" Tshirt. Having matching tshirts to go with signs will make for a very strong visual and message. Shirts cost \$20.

Please join us as we have an opportunity to do so much to protect our common home from the climate emergency this Tuesday!

Pastor will have had a study leave day Saturday, June 15 (to catch up on Stewardship class material and also work ahead on the July sermon series about church).

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

Receipts last week:

General offering.....	\$ 1,002.00
Benevolence.....	\$ 15.00
Altar flowers.....	\$ 160.00
Bulletins.....	\$80.00
From friends of the congregation:	
General offering.....	\$ 500.00
Minus banking fees.....	\$ (23.55)
Total	\$ 1,733.45

Birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Judy Gregory, June 18

David & Senja Underwood, June 21 (27)



**SAVE A LIFE.
GET TRAINED.
CARRY NARCAN.**

**Tuesday
June 18th
6pm-7pm**

**Southwest
Library -
7979 38th Ave
Room B**



Dena & David Corey, June 23 (40)

Please RSVP using the following QR Code



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/>

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.



The State of Democracy - June 30th at 12:30pm

Join us for lunch and discussion with renowned journalist, political analyst, author and advocate John Nichols on Sunday, June 30th at 12:30pm. Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase here.

Event Information & Tickets

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/thelifelineinitiativeinc or email Jeff Wamboldt at jeff@freedomislife.org



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 3 XL for the price of 20 dollars 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