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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
kin-dom of God has come near.**

GATHERING 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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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 and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we

may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

YOUTH MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 14:15–23

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.'

"Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.'

"Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.'

"So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'

"And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'

"Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.'"

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "TAKE IT EASY"

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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"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 One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint

- 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 Cassidy'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
- Dick Kauffman
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Rex Reeve
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytosha
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- John Schatzman (friend of Karen Cassidy 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, and all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed (*especially...*). Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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!

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: "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: "NEW EVERY MORNING"

"WE ABIDE WE ABIDE IN YOU"

1: *We are the vineyard You have planted
Tend our leaves and wild branches:
we abide, we abide in You.
We abide, we abide in You.*

2: *Fruit growing from our strength and labor
Rain on us with grace and favor
We abide we abide in You
We abide we abide in You*

Chorus: *Where can my soul find living water
Apart from You we bear no fruit
O plant my feet down by the river
We abide we abide in You*

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.

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*

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Thank you to Jarlene Kriehn for giving altar flowers in July, and to Judy Gregory for sponsoring bulletins.

The Mothers' garden is now fully planted and the team wants to thank those who contributed to this endeavor in honor or memory of these special women.

1. Sherry Gittens: for Marlene and Shirley
2. Krisann and Rich Knapp: for Grace Ingram and Janet Pacetti
3. Tricia Childs: for Marlene Binninger, Nana, and Grandma Cerveney
4. David and Janice: for Ruth and Roseim
5. Dave and Senja Underwood: for Janice Riutta, Ruth Underwood, Linda Wadham, Ruth Riutta, Roseann Biesack, and Dottie Watts
6. Bert Felland: Betty Felland, Aggie Hartnell
7. Jarleen Kriehn: Margaret Kriehn
8. Karen Cassidy: for Blanche, Rosalie, Laurie, and Charlcie
9. Paula Pierce for Charlotte Prothero
10. Randy Pierce for Mary Pierce
11. Leah Schaut for Betsy Gould
12. Dr. John Schaut for Maxine Schaut

As we enter the time of outdoor worship in the weeks to come, stay tuned for "the Blessing of the gardens." We will acknowledge each person listed and celebrate our native plantings. After our service feel free to walk around and see the growth and maturity of our work together. Enter the courtyard. Look and notice. Enjoy the space.

*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

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

G Thanks be to God.

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, July 7	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
	7:00 pm	NA	library
Monday, July 8	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
	9:00 am	Prayer group	library
Tuesday, July 9	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, July 10	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
Thursday, July 11	Pastor Barker at 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, July 12	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
Saturday, July 13	Pastor Barker at church		
		Council reports due	kriehn2007wi@gmail.com
Sunday, July 14	Pastor Barker at church		
Bastille Day	9:30 am	Worship service	sanctuary/Facebook
	7:00 pm	NA	library

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.

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/>

Receipts last week:

General offering.....	\$ 1,485.00
Benevolence	\$ 15.00
From friends of the congregation:	
General offering.....	\$ 50.00
Pastor's benefits package.....	\$ 50.00
Fathers garden	\$ 80.00
<u>Minus banking fees</u>	<u>\$ (24.94)</u>
Total	\$ 1,063.82
Grace weekly budget in 2024:	\$ 3,851.39

Attendance last Sunday: >42 in person, >3 on line.

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

Birthdays and anniversaries this week:
 Carol Corrigan, July 7
 Keith & Debra Dreger (42), July 10