

Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14, 2024

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GATHERING

WELCOME

P 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

P Let us affirm our welcome statement.
C **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: "JOHN 13 SONG"

**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 VERSE. CHORUS, REPEATED.

**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)

P 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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may

live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

READING: Galatians 5:13–26

 A reading from Galatians.

C Open our hearts to hear God's word with joy.

 or you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

 The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Jonathan Barker

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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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VERSE: "DRIVE OUT THE DARKNESS" (refrain)

Refrain: *Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come Jesus come*

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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.
You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray especially for:

- 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)
- David Corey
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Todd Detert (Dottie's grandson-in-law)
- Jan Dugdale
- Barb Ehlen
- Brian Felland
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Ginger Helgeson
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Dick Kauffman
- David Kramer
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Ernest Quintero
- Rex Reeve
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytasha

- 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, In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities (*ministries may be named*). Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations (*organizations may be named*). In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you (*especially...*). In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. 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 (ELW p. 209)

MEAL

OFFERING

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

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. A communion song alternates with silence for reflection.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG: "INSTRUMENT OF PEACE"

Refrain: **Lord make me an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace** (repeat)

**1: Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life.** Refrain

**2: Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is injury, your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain.** Refrain

Coda: **Amen Amen**

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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. Amén

SENDING SONG: "THE KINGDOM OF JESUS"

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Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

📌 Thanks be to God.

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Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, July 14 Bastille Day	Pastor Barker at church 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	sanctuary/Facebook library
Monday, July 15	Pastor Barker at church 9:00 am-noon Welcome Center volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group 2:45 pm Departure for RNC	lower level library from parking lot
Tuesday, July 16	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, July 17	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00	
Thursday, July 18 Nelson Mandela Day	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, gym Room 102
Friday, July 19	Pastor Barker at home. Paul in office 9:00-2:00 8:30-9:15 am Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
Saturday, July 20	Pastor Barker at church except ??? ?m Cunningham-__ wedding	Murray Mansion
Sunday, July 21	Pastor Barker at church 9:30 am Worship service 11:00 am Church council meeting 7:00 pm NA	sanctuary/Facebook library library

Thank you to Carol Corrigan for giving the altar flowers and sponsoring Sunday bulletins in July.

Birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Lori Martin, July 17
 Gracie Underwood, July 18
 Shirley LaFayette, July 19

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.

Attendance last Sunday:
 ≥28 in person, ≥3 on line.

Receipts last week:

General offering.....	\$ 851.50
Benevolence.....	\$ 5.00
From friends of the congregation:	
General offering.....	\$ 900.00
<u>Minus banking fees.....</u>	<u>\$(23.55)</u>
Total	\$ 1,732.95
Grace weekly budget in 2024: \$ 3,851.39	

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

This Monday, July 15, Grace has been given one of the time slots on the Speaker's Platform at Haymarket Square, W. McKinley Avenue and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee, right in the thick of the activity at the RNC. Our time slot is from 5:30 to 5:50 pm, and we can proudly wear our t-shirts, and have our banners fly. Rev. Barker will give some remarks, and certainly we will pray and possibly sing the Mustard Seed Prayer. With all the security measures we will need to leave our Grace parking lot at 2:45 pm. This will be a powerful opportunity to stand in faith for our common earth home.

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/>

Village Church at 130 E. Juneau Ave. in Milwaukee is right in the thick of the activity at the RNC. This Monday, July 15 from 5:00 pm to midnight, they will be open and

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welcoming members of the community and visitors. They will offer snacks and a place for prayer. Volunteers can stay for the entire time or come from 5:00 to 9:00 pm or from 8:00 pm to midnight. After Monday, Village Church will evaluate their experience to determine how they will continue through the week. Village Church seeks to offer God's love welcome and peace to all in our community. If you would like to participate, donate baked goods, or have questions, please contact Pastor Donna Brown at brodonna@gmail.com.

Registration for Outreach for Hope's annual Family Ride Run Walk fundraiser is now open at OFHRRW.org. Outreach for Hope hopes your congregation will join them at one of four event sites on Saturday, September 21 for road and trail bike ride, walking and running routes, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship. With your support, Outreach for Hope hopes to raise \$150K for local ministries serving our neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity to cultivate generosity, and to connect with other ELCA churches from across Southeast Wisconsin.



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