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Second Sunday in the Season of Creation

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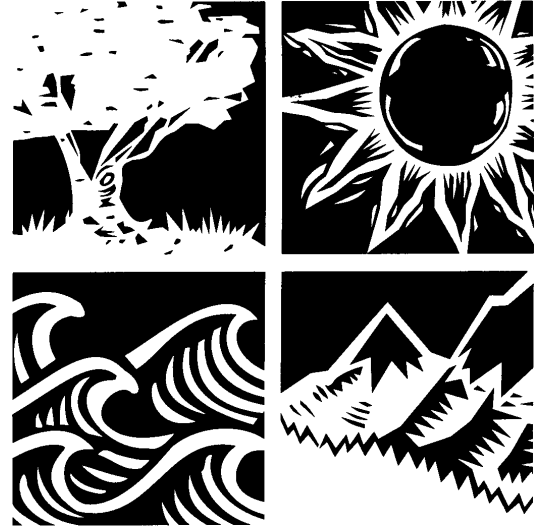
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GATHERING

- 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: "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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WORD

PSALM 33:5-9

 A reading from Psalms:

ou love righteousness and justice;
your steadfast love fills the whole
earth.

⁶By your word were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the hosts
of heaven.

⁷You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a
water-skin
and store up the depths of the sea.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all who dwell in the world stand in
awe.

⁹For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast.

 The Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

YOUTH MESSAGE. SERMON

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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MUSTARD SEED PRAYER SONG

1: *O creator of the universe,
Let our leaders take action and stand boldly
To protect our home on earth
From climate catastrophe.*

Refrain: *Let their actions be guided by love for
neighbor, Love for creature, love for all
creation.*

2: *Let me be a mustard seed today
in small and big action
Let what I do multiply in ways
So our home is protected. Refrain.
Coda: Let what we do today multiply
So our common home is protected for all
creatures. Amen*


PEACE

 Peace be with you.
 And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

 Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift
of your creation. By these gifts and with our
lives, help us to serve one another and all in
need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

 Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

 On the night when the Lord Jesus was handed
over to be killed, he took bread and gave thanks
for it. Then he divided the bread and said, "This

is my body; it is for you. Eat this to remember me."

In the same way, after they ate, Jesus took the cup of wine. He said, "This cup represents the new agreement from God, which begins with my blood sacrifice. When you drink this, do it to remember me."

This means that every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are telling others about the Lord's death until he comes again. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ERV)

In response to the great mystery of this sacred meal we proclaim our faith:

- ☐ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

- ☐ **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

(Adapted from *The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*. This version of the Lord's Prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)

- ☐ Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table with all your kin and share with all

in need: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears.

- ☐ **May we who share these gifts, share Christ with one another and with all our kin.**

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

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

SONG DURING COMMUNION: "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*

Refrain: *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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THANKSGIVING

- ☐ **We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.**

SENDING

SUNG BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen

BLESSING, DISMISSAL

May the God who is above and through all and in all fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth, the pulsing of Christ through Earth and the dream of the Spirit that all will be reconciled, renewed, and restored through Christ our wounded healer. Go in peace, serving Christ.

☐ **We go in peace, serving Christ and loving the Earth.**

SENDING SONG: "DECLARING GLORY"

1: *When I was young
You woke me with the sound of song
The wind and rhythm drew me along
I echoed in the hymn of the dawn*
Chorus 1: *I turned and turned
This dance that all the planets learn
In circles 'round the stars as they burn
I praise you as I orbit and turn*

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Sensory toy baskets are available 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 Randy & Paula Pierce for giving the altar flowers this Sunday, and to Judy Gregory for sponsoring Sunday bulletins in September.

L'Arche will meet in the church narthex at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9. This month, we will continue our artistic pursuits by creating a Peace Pole for our group to contribute to Grace's west garden. The Peace Pole Project is a global movement and these poles stand as a silent symbol of hope and dreams of our creation. Please feel free to check out this movement online to get a glimpse of what we

*Declaring glory
Declaring glory*

2: *The mountains rise
The forests grow before my eyes
The moments and the seasons unwind
Then turn again embracing the tide*
Chorus 2: *The waters fall
And carve their way across my soil
Their canyons cutting deep in my soul
I praise you while the rivers still roll*
Declaring glory

(I praise my in Maker in every age)
Declaring glory

3: *New life begins
Your creatures dance across my skin
Like me they have your spirit within
But soon they fade away as I spin*
Chorus 3: *They fall to dust
And dress me in decay and rust
Their secrets buried deep in my crust
I praise you in the layers of dust*
Declaring glory

(I praise my Maker in every age)
Declaring glory

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are doing. We are inviting our neighborhood families and are asking you bring some school supplies to share with the children who might show up.

Church council meeting has been postponed to Sunday, September 22 after a picnic at the Riuttas.

Grace Lutheran T-shirts are here. They can be picked up any Sunday or you can come to the office Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to pick them up.

Birthdays this week:

Andrew Calvert, Sept. 13
Krisan Knapp, Sept. 14
John Schaut, Sept. 15

Kenosha (South)



**Petrifying Springs Park (Site #3),
5555 7th Street, Kenosha, WI 53144**

One of the most beautiful parks in both Racine and Kenosha is Petrifying Springs Park, which is our launching spot and picnic zone. Come and enjoy the trees and beauty of this location, and for those who push themselves for the 25-mile bike ride, you will not be disappointed with most of the route being along Lake Michigan.

Routes Offered:

1. 2.5-mile WALK Route in Petrifying Springs Park
2. 5K RUN route in Petrifying Springs Park
3. 13-mile TRAIL ride on the County Trail
4. 27 Mile route along the lake through Kenosha