

Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140-3893
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Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

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GATHERING

LAND USE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

G 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

G 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: "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
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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WORD & PRAYER

Psalm 98:1–8a

 A reading from Psalms.

ing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE. MEDITATION — Gracie Underwood

HYMN OF THE DAY: “BROTHER SUN”

1: *Brother sun, sister moon*
Your light shines from the heavens
Giving glory, all the glory To the Maker

2: *Gentle wind, welcome home*
You've been traveling with your song
Singing glory, all the glory To the Maker

3: *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
Singing glory
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Singing glory to the Maker
Hallelujah!

4: *Sweetest rain, serenade*
Pouring down from the heavens
Bring all your blessings, every blessing
From the Maker

5: *Hallelujah, hallelujah!*
Singing glory

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Singing glory to the Maker
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Singing glory

6: *All you people, join in the song*
There is work to be done
For the glory, all the glory
Of the Maker

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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. OFFERING


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.

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)

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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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.*

*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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SENDING SONG: "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*

DISMISSAL

G 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.

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

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 Tricia Childs for giving the altar flowers this Sunday, and to Judy Gregory for sponsoring Sunday bulletins in September.

David and Janice Riutta are hosting Grace's worship service and picnic at their home next Sunday, September 22. Bring a chair and a parasol to 3802 25th Street.

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

Pastor Barker is on vacation through September 20. In case of pastoral need this week, please call the office (262-654-9143) or Pastor Cindy Aasen (262.694.3101).

Articles and notices for the October newsletter are due in the church office by Tuesday, September 24. Please let Paul and Nakia know if you or your group have any events or planning meetings coming up in October.

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, Sept. 15	Pastor Barker on vacation		
	9:30 am	Worship service	parking lot/sanctuary/Facebook
	7:00 pm	NA	library
Monday, Sept. 16			
Mexican	9:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
Independence Day	9:00 am	Prayer group	library
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
Constitution Day	8:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
	4:00-5:30 pm	Welcome Center food pantry	courtyard, parking lot
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
Thursday, Sept. 19	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, Sept. 20	Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
	7:30 pm	Pastoral Appreciation Revival	sanctuary
Saturday, Sept 21	Pastor Barker at church		
St. Matthew	8:30 am	Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk	from Pets site #3
	7:30 pm	Pastoral Appreciation Revival	sanctuary
Sunday, Sept. 22	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:30 am	Worship service	3802 25 th Street/Facebook
	10:38 am	Picnic	3802 25 th Street
	tbd pm	Church council meeting	tbd
	5:30 pm	Pastoral Appreciation Revival	sanctuary
	7:00 pm	NA	library

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.

Birthday and anniversary this week:
John Schaut, Sept. 15
Lynda & Dennis Eirich, Sept. 21

We are sad to announce that Paul Berge, our long-time secretary is retiring. He has done more than anyone could ask of a church secretary, for example working with the Secret



Service and so much more. His last day in the office will be Friday, September 27 (he will be training our Office Manager

Nakia Wallner) and we will have a going away luncheon and party on Saturday, September 28 from 11:00am to 1:00 pm at Grace.

We invite you to bring a pet, or a photo or drawing, or even a stuffed toy to represent your pet, to be included in the blessing during the worship service on Animal Blessing Sunday, October 6.

Attendance estimates for September 8: >34 in person, >3 on line.

Registration closes tomorrow, September 16, for Outreach for Hope's 2024 Family Ride Run Walk fundraiser. Join all of your friends at 8:30 a.m. Saturday September 21, for road and trail bike ride, walking and running routes, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship. Like last year, the Racine-Kenosha gathering site is at Petrifying Springs Park, site 3.



This Sunday, Sept 15, has been designated OFH Sunday. It's a day where Outreach for Hope lifts our ministries in prayer, encourage people to make a last-minute donation to support our grants, and to register for the Ride Run Walk event the following Saturday (Sept 21).

Receipts last week:
 General offering.....\$ 936.00
 Benevolence..... \$ 5.00
 From friends of the congregation:
 General offering.....\$ 799.00
 Minus on-line banking fees \$ (28.45)
 Total \$ 1,711.55
 Grace weekly budget in 2024: \$ 3,851.39

St. Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th Street, begins its 150th birthday celebration with an organ recital by Brian Schoettler at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 29. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Our Harmony Club Inc. 501(c)(3) respite care provider has openings at all five locations in Racine, Kenosha, and Lyons. If you are caring for a loved one with age related challenges such as Alzheimer's and other dementias, Parkinsons, or social isolation, please call them. They can provide six hours of respite care at each site. You can find detailed information on their website at: www.ourharmonyclub.org. Call Dawn Vlach at 262-880-5301 or Danielle Branley at 254-319-2535.

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/>

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37th
PASTORAL
Appreciation



Friday, September 20, 2024
 Deaconess Bishop J. E. Moore
 Christ Temple Jubilee
 7:30PM

Saturday, September 21, 2024
 Dr. Donnell Beula
 Transfiguration Apostolic Ministries
 Washington Park, IL
 7:30PM

Sunday, September 22, 2024
 Pastor Mary Madors
 Church of Jesus Christ
 5:30PM

Equipped and Chosen to Spread God's Truth
 Ephesians 4:11-13

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**OUTREACH
 FOR HOPE**

2024 FAMILY RIDE RUN WALK
 Raising Hope Together

Saturday, September 21

REGISTER NOW at
[OFHRRW.org!](http://OFHRRW.org)



St. Mary's Lutheran Church invites you to join us for

Oktoberfest

\$12 Donation

Saturday, September 28, 2024
 Church Service at 5:00 • Doors Open at 5:30 • Dinner at 6:00
 2001 80th Street • Kenosha, Wisconsin

Homemade Dinner Includes:
 Brat or Knockwurst, German or Regular Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Baked Beans, Dessert, Apple Cider
 Beer & Wine Available to Purchase

Music Provided by: The Hungry Five & Friends plus MGU Harmonia Choir