

Grace Lutheran Church
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September 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation
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GATHERING

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- 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: "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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WORD

GOSPEL: Luke 12:22–34

P A reading from Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?”

“Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith!”

“And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

YOUTH MESSAGE. SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “SATISFIED”

1: *God, we have taken*

More than we've given

*We are entangled in consumption and greed
Christ, in Your mercy*

*Break our obsession
With hollow possessions, O Lord, set us free*

Chorus: *May our hearts be satisfied
Satisfied, satisfied*

*May our hearts be satisfied
Fill us with joy and peace*

2: *Lord, we neglected
Your simple provision
Instead we've invested in
building up our wealth
So tear down our
storehouse
Our walls and our
towers
And build us a table
where all can come feast.* Chorus.

Coda: *Oooh. Fill us with joy and peace.* Repeat
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VERSE: “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

P Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** 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 Cor. 11:23-26 ERV)

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.
- C** **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)

- P** 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.

- C** **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

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

SONG DURING COMMUNION: "LORD HAVE MERCY"

Refrain: *Lord have mercy*
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

1: *Holy Spirit rest upon us*
Lead us in the way of your justice
Holy Spirit rest upon us
Teach us how to serve in our weakness

2: *Holy Spirit rest upon us*
Teach us how to tend to creation
Holy Spirit rest upon us
Guide us from our path of destruction.

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THANKSGIVING

- C** 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 grant you peace.

SENDING SONG: "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***

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***There's more than enough for the hungry to feed
The earth will sigh with relief***

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BLESSING, DISMISSAL

[P] 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.

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, Sept. 22	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:30 am	Worship service	3802 25 th Street/Facebook
	10:33 am	Picnic	3802 25 th Street
	tbd pm	Church council meeting	tbd
	5:30 pm	Holy Assembly Pastoral Appreciation Revival	sanctuary
	7:00 pm	NA	library
Monday, Sept. 23	Pastor Barker at church		
	9:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
	9:00 am	Prayer group	library
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Pastor Barker at church. Paul in office 9:00-2:00.		
	8:00 am-noon	Welcome Center volunteers	lower level
	12:00 noon	Grace Notes article deadline	graceoffice@wi.rr.com
	4:00-5:30 pm	Welcome Center food pantry	courtyard, parking lot
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
Thursday, Sept. 26	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. 27	Paul in office 9:00-2:00		
	8:30-9:15 am	Welcome Center breakfast	Rainbow Room, gym
Saturday, Sept 28	Pastor Barker at church		
	11:00am-1:00pm	Paul Berge retirement luncheon	narthex?
Sunday, Sept. 29	Pastor Barker at church		
Michael & All Angels	9:30 am	Worship service	parking lot/sanctuary/Facebook
	7:00 pm	NA	library

Thank you to Randy & Paula Pierce for giving the altar flowers this Sunday, and to Judy Gregory for sponsoring Sunday bulletins in September.

Grace Lutheran T-shirts are at the church office. 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:

- Bill Gregory, Sept. 25
- Keith Dreger, Sept. 27
- Jayden Williams, Sept. 29

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

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 11:00 am 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 15:
≥7 in person, ≥5 on line.

Receipts last week:

General offering.....	\$ 1,605.00
Benevolence	\$ 200.00
From friends of the congregation:	
General offering.....	\$ 400.00
<u>Minus on-line banking fees</u>	<u>\$ (14.25)</u>
Total	\$ 2,190.75
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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Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI) \$25.00	4%		\$
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Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$50.00	3%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Fresh Thyme Market \$25.00	5%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$25.00	8%		\$	Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	HoneyBaked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Sendik's Food Market \$25.00	4%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	L.L. Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$50.00	8%		\$	Lane Bryant® \$25.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
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Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	6%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$				
Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$				
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				

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