



Grace Lutheran Church

Hastings, Michigan

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 28, 2020

Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We gather to worship a God who give us the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. We listen to a God who breaks his own body by dying on the cross. Through this example of love, we share love with others. In fact, Jesus encourages us to share love by simply giving a cup of water to another individual.

Announcements

<i>Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.</i>

Gathering Music

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P O Lord, open our lips,

C and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

P Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

P Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,

C who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure,
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give, May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow' r us for the work of min - is - try.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.... O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.

G **Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

L A reading from **Jeremiah:**

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

 = Refrain



Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**

³**I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:**

⁴**I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’ ” **

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel. **

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

📖 A reading from **Romans**:

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain

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We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-gether
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

Gospel Reading**Matthew 10:40-42**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **Matthew**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

Baptized and Set Free

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- 1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
- 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
- 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
- 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Apostles Creed

Ⓐ We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

☒ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

*After each petition, the Assisting Minister will end Hear us, O God. The people will speak, **Your mercy is great**.... as the prayer response.*

- A** Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence

- A** God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants, David and Roseanne our synod companion churches St James Lutheran Church, Rogers City; First Baptist Church, Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

- C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

- C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley, Carlos Garcia (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls), and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities. Hear us, O God.

- C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. including *Dave Bolton, Donna Buehl, Chris Bush, Ellie Clark, Ron Coplin, Irene Corr, Sue Eifler, Mike Fruth, Karl Golnek, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe, Phyllis Hoppe, Lee Hoppe, Ed Markwart, family of Richard Meade, Logan Moore, Corrina Palmer, Mike Shoemaker, Tim Sullivan, George Ulrich Jr., Jenni Ulrich, Rusty Wilkins, Kristi Winick, those involved in medical care and research during this pandemic of coronavirus, Cameron, Eddie, Vicky, Nora, Lynnze, and Tristin.* Hear us, O God.

- C** **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all generations, we praise you and thank you for children of all ages. From those who are days old to our oldest member here at Grace of 100 years old. We ask you to help us be open to your direction as we seek a Youth and Family Committee chair. We thank you for our interim chair. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. . Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died (*especially Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon*). Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts and Music

Offering Song

I Come with Joy

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Stanzas 1 & 5

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- C** **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Blessing

- P** Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in God, and abound in thanksgiving. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C** **Amen.**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Dismissal

Ⓐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☒ Thanks be to God.

On Being Welcomed

Jesus emphasizes many times that his disciples are his representatives in the world. When people encounter his followers, they encounter Jesus. This is a phenomenal calling that certainly points to God's grace in the lives of Jesus' followers. We couldn't possibly claim to be the presence of Jesus without the Spirit and God's grace poured on us in baptism.

One way the church helps people to know God in Jesus is by showing up, being present, engaging authentically with others. When Jesus sent his disciples out to witness to the kingdom in words and deeds, he sent them out not only to welcome others but to be welcomed.

In a time when many of our human encounters are mediated by electronic social networks and distant forms of communication, we might lose sight of what it means to welcome others and to be welcomed in homes, at meals, or in another person's place of worship. It can be humbling to allow another person to welcome us and to show us hospitality and grace.

When we allow others to welcome us in whatever way they do, we allow some encounter with Christ to occur. Perhaps it is meeting for coffee or going for a walk. Maybe it means going into another person's neighborhood that is new to us. Maybe it's receiving dinner as another prepares it, humbly or extravagantly, in their home, or as we join them at their favorite restaurant.

Have you ever been invited to someone's home or event and turned them down? You may have had good reason, or maybe you just didn't feel like going. What does it mean to allow others to welcome us into their lives by accepting their invitations? It is a blessing to them. It is also, as Jesus tells us, a welcoming of God who sent Jesus and us to show love by letting others show us hospitality.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 18 & Views: 65

Weekly Giving: \$5,965.00 Budget Amount: \$4,617.93

Adult Forum will continue a study on the book of **Acts** on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Join us on the conference call or in person, as we share in discussion the miraculous gift of the beginning our Christian church. If you chose to come to the church, we will be in the fellowship hall sitting at separate tables. Join us in person or on the phone. **Phone: 605-313-5981 Access Code: 772653#**

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Money Counters Needed. With the coronavirus pandemic, we have a need to have additional money counters. With health conditions and high-risk factors, we currently only have 1 money counter available. If you are able and willing to count, it would be of immense help. We have had two people come forward. We would like to have a couple more, who feel comfortable counting as any of us could get sick.

Relay For Life of Barry County will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Tyden Park from 11am-11pm. LUMINARIA in honor or memory of...will be offered to decorate as you wish, or have someone decorate for you. Each white bag is \$10 and will be available at Grace June 28- July 19. Register to walk or make a donation online at **Relay For Life of Barry County** search name: Kim Domke or donate to another walker. Youth who walk will have matched dollars up to \$50.00.

Worship needs to be a safe place (or as safe as we can make it), which means wearing a mask. To help keep the larger community safe, we ask that you maintain at least a 6-foot distance from those who are not part of your household. Thank you for loving your neighbor.

Are you hungry for Holy Communion? We began offering “private” communion in the fellowship hall at 3:00 pm. *You must continue to call ahead to reserve your station, as we need to ensure that people can sit at social distancing.* There are only 9 communion stations available each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Every station can hold up to 4 people. Each station must be from the same household. **Please call 269.945.9414 for your reservation day,** tell the number of people who will be with you at the communion station. There will be scripture reading, a devotional and communion.

Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo

Lector – Kim Domke

Cantor – Anna Scheck

Musicians – Kim Domke, Cindy Olson, Anna Scheck

Pastor – Ken Scheck II

*Ascribe to the Lord all glory! Shout praise to God's holy name. Come before our great God. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. **1 Chronicles 16:29***

Onsite Worship begins today and is scheduled for regular 8:00 am service only. **Our 10:45 am service will continue to be online and teleconference.** If you are uncomfortable with coming to the building, please continue to worship using our conference call and LIVESTREAM. **Adult Forum** will continue to meet on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**.

Reminders: ***If you are sick, please stay home. Please take care of the larger community as well as yourself.***

Masks need to be worn, as mandated by order.

If you bring a **coat**, please keep it with you. You can put it **on** the pew beside you.

Worship Folders will be available on a table near the Greeters.

Baptismal Font will have no water, until we are able to put some in it.

Seating in the Sanctuary will be marked with social distancing in mind. There will be no **paper, pencils or hymnals** in the pews.

No Singing in the Sanctuary. The National Council of Churches has studies that demonstrate that the six feet distancing is not enough to allow singing in the sanctuary for public worship, even with a mask on. The 8:00 am worship will have music. There will be no assembly singing at this service.

Offering – There will be an offering plate near the entrance of the sanctuary, please drop your offering in the plate before or after worship; much like noisy offering. The offering plate outside the office will continue to be there, for those who do not come to onsite worship.

Passing of the Peace will take place with no physical touch or movement.

We will not have Holy Communion during worship. You are invited to come to partake in a private communion service. See above Are you hungry for Holy Communion announcement for details.

There will be **no Coffee Hour** when we first come back.

Restrooms will be designated High Risk and Low Risk. The High-Risk restrooms has a goal of best practices. The restroom should be cleaned between each use, as there is a desire to limit exposure to disease. We are seeking restroom cleaners to help in keeping our high-risk population safe using CDC cleaning procedure.