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# Second Sunday after Pentecost

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*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!** Last week we experienced the joy of having the Holy Trinity in our lives. The incarnation of Christ and our response of discipleship is always part of our Christian journey. Though we are saved by grace, discipleship calls us to make a decision for Jesus. “Choose this day whom you will serve.” Will you serve the Lord, or will you serve something or someone else?

## Welcome/Announcements

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

## Gathering Music

### Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- A** 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.**
- A** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,
- C** **who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.**

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for <sup>3</sup>if you

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, <sup>3</sup>let me

walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray.... All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.  
☞ **Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

- 📖 A reading from **Genesis**.

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

- 📖 The Word of the Lord.  
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,  
in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from | all their sins.**

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

📖 A reading from **2 Corinthians**.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. The ruler of this world will be driven out.  
And I will draw all people to myself. Alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebub and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Time**

**Message**

*Silence for reflection*

## Apostles Creed

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

**G** **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

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays,  
**Your mercy is great.***

**A** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence*

**A** God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Show strength and wisdom to our church leaders, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Grace Lutheran Church, East Tawas, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

**G** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation Hear us, O God.

**G** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Austin and Aaron Endsley, Alexis and Carlos Garcia (Burdicks), Brady and Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls), and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads)*. Hear us, O God.

**G** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. including *Vickey Argo, Walter Brown, Gary Burdick, Penny Burdick, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Allison and baby John Domke, Mike Fruth, The Gary Edwards Family (Kay Howell's son-in-law), Karl Golnek, Lisa Golnek, Mike Hoppe, Wendy Kimble, Douglas and Maddie Lydy, Joe Longcor,, Bill Melcher, Vicky Saucier, Mike Shoemaker, Tim Sullivan, Mira Thomas (expanded skull surgery), George Ulrich Jr. Deborah Wilke, Kristi Winick, and Eve Wright*. Hear us, O God.

**G** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)*

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Hear us, O God.

**G** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**G** **Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**G** **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)*

## Offering Prayer

**A** Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for the blessing of your presence.

**G** **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that our lives may reflect your generosity, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☛ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☛ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by the glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name forever.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim that Jesus is among us.

☛ **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray how Jesus first taught:

☛ **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.**

## Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

## We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

## Prayer after Communion

☐ Let us pray . . . O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy and fed us at your table.

☑ **Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Mission Minutes

### Blessing

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

## Sending Song

### *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

## Dismissal

☐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Protective Detail?

The crowd gathering around Jesus today is not entirely friendly. Some are attacking him as having “gone out of his mind” (Mark 3:21). The scribes accuse him of being demonic. His family tries to restrain him. They see the hostility, perhaps feel the danger. They love Jesus and do not want to see him harmed.

As is his habit, Jesus responds with wit and wisdom. The passage ends with Jesus surrounded by a crowd that seems safer. His family approaches again, and they hear a tough, dismissive word: those who do the will of God are my family. Scripture is consistent in its witness that the will of God is the path to life. Jesus does not need to be protected; he is working to bring the gift of life into the world in a new way.

How often do we find ourselves trying to protect Jesus? Maybe you have had a fight about faith with a family member. Maybe you avoid an acquaintance because of challenging conversations about beliefs. Maybe you have “agreed to disagree” because politics and faith have proved too divisive. Maybe you have experienced the split of a congregation or a church because of differences of opinion about how the gospel calls us to live.

From the book of Acts to present-day denominational struggles, church debates have often been about two sides claiming to be right about Jesus. We stand our ground and resist or demand change. In this we find a mixture of protecting ourselves, protecting our faith, protecting our understanding of Jesus, protecting Jesus.

In today’s story Jesus reminds us he does not need protection. He is not going to get it on the cross. Instead, he wishes life for us, dies to make life for us, lives to make life for us. All of this so we can live to help make life for others.

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## Stewardship Information

Attendance: 72    Views: 78    Weekly Giving: \$2,589.00    Budget Amount: \$4,227.24

**We need your plastic shopping bags!** Grace is beginning a new ministry for the homeless. We are collecting shopping bags and a group is weaving them into mats. Please place your clean plastic shopping bags into a box marked shopping bags in the coat closet near the entrance and the office. Thanks for your ministry to those who can use these mats.

**Adult Forum** will continue a study on the book of **Genesis** today at 9:30 am. We will continue to meet in the Gathering Area for the study.

**Read the New Testament in Chronological Order.** Call the office to get your copy of the 2021 Daily Reading Guide.

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister – Mark Anton**

**Lector – Jamie Heise**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck II**

**10:45 am**

**Assisting Minister – Traci Wales**

**Lector – Jack Vos**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck II**

## **Spread the word that Grace is open for Public Worship!** **Bring your mask, so you can sing!**

**Today after 2<sup>nd</sup> service BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC.** *Rain date June 13<sup>th</sup>.* The picnic will be held right after second service **OUTSIDE**. Coffee, lemonade, and water will be provided. It is rumored that there might be cookies provided. So come for this outside event.

**Congregational Care Committee** begins meeting again. You are invited to join us for our meeting tomorrow at 3:00 pm. We gather at the church to check up with each other and further the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ by taking care of each other. Hope to see you there!

**Social Activities Committee is meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm.**

**Brothers Of Grace is meeting Tuesday at 7:00 for an in-person meeting.** If you are uncomfortable, please call in at 605-313-5981 access code 772653#. Hope to see you or hear your voice.

**Save the Date for Barry County Relay For Life.** Mark your calendars on Saturday, August 7, 2021. The event is located at Tyden Park in Hastings from 11:00a.m. - 11:00p.m. This is a free event for all participates.

**Come celebrate!** Gabe Barnaart. Gavin and Grayson Patton are graduating from Hastings High School. If you want to send a card, you are welcome to send them directly. The Social Activities Committee invites you to send cards the church or drop them off at the church by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Seeking readers, fellowship providers (make coffee and lemonade for our outside fellowship time), ushers, greeters and Assisting Ministers.**

**The Grace Lutheran Church 2021-2022 Time and Talent Inventory** is available to fill out. Please fill out one form per household/family unit. Various blanks can be filled out with individual's initials or names. Be sure to include your current/continuing commitments. Please fill out and return ASAP but not later than July 18. Hard copies are available in the Gathering Area or you can fill out on the computer by visiting the following address:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyfU3pfiW2OG3YsbfoAEXkxZX6t4tb4wFKEpsJPqfyjhZVNA/viewform>