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# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

## July 3, 2022

**Pentecost** is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Let us celebrate God's presence among us at all times. We know the unique gift we have of God meeting our every need. Let us give praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

### Gathering Music

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

*Arise in body or Spirit*

### Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open our lips,  
**C** and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
- A** 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.

Gathering Song

*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW 840

### 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.

## Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray . . . O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us.
- G** **With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

- L** A reading from **Isaiah**:

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,

and his indignation is against his enemies.

- L** The word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

**<sup>2</sup>Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

**<sup>4</sup>All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

**<sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

**<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## Second Reading

**Galatians 6:7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”*

📖 A reading from **Galatians**:

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*  
Verses 1 & 5

**ELW 737**

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

☞ The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

### Message

**Song of the Day**

*To Be Your Presence*

**ELW 546**

## Prayers

We sing the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly will sing:



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

**A** United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

**A** Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people especially, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Leer Lutheran Church, Posen; Maple Grove Brethren, Nashville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**A** Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**A** You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. Be with those who safeguard the world, especially *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas) and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**A** You desire abundant life for all, especially *Jenny Anderson, Amber Andrews, Veronica Baarson, Marc Benda, The Beulah Benedict Family, Walter Brown, Audrey Burdick, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Gene and Julie Fogarty and family, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Robert Glasgow, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Hannah Gutenmorgen, Charlene Hall, Sandy Hayward, Judy Heil, Mike Hoppe, Norma Ludlow, Bill Melcher, Obilyn Mowry, Gloria & Ron O'Beirne, Darlene Olson, Annette Poholski, Ken Plourde, Mike Shoemaker, Susie Smith, Jackie Stapel, George Ulrich Jr., Sharon Varkula, Carol Vos, and Cheryl Wilke.* As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**A** Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving.

*(You may share your prayers at this time)  
Here other intersessions may be offered*

**A** We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. Hear us, O God.

**C** **O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

**P** God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ 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 this bread and wine.

**C** **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen**



## Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

**P** 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:

**C** **Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C** **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

**P** God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Songs:

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ  
For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW 674

ELW 679

## Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- C** Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

## Mission Minutes

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## Blessing

- P** God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Sending Song

### *Go to the World*

ACS 991



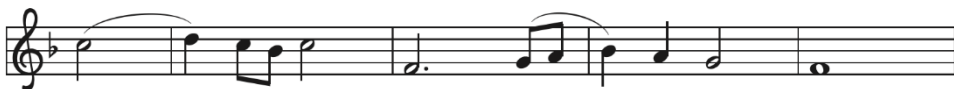
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

### **8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister – Chris Bush**

**Lector – Dave Neeb**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

### **10:45 am**

**Assisting Minister – Traci Wales**

**Lector – Mark Anton**

**Cantor – Cindy Olson**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

**Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart**

## **I Want to Be in That Number**

In today's gospel, Jesus sends out seventy disciples to do some evangelizing. But who are they? There is lore that says some of the first leaders of the church were in this original cadre of disciples sent out "like lambs into the midst of wolves" (Luke 10:3): Barnabas, Mark, Rufus, and Justus are a few who might be familiar to us. But this is all legend, and one has to wonder why these seventy aren't explicitly named by the gospel writer, especially because it was the first mass evangelism tour that Jesus encouraged.

But perhaps the anonymity is on purpose. Perhaps they aren't specifically named because their names can be ever-rotating—an ever-moving list of saints that, generation after generation, are sent out with the strong name of Christ to confront the evils of the world.

Perhaps you are one of the seventy, sent out by Jesus to confront the demons of this world: demons like racism and sexism, demons that destroy the temples of our bodies and cloud our minds with thoughts of hate and extremism.

It's important to consider that the seventy came back rejoicing because even the demons submitted to the name of Jesus (Luke 10:17). We may not consider that the demons of our world today can be subdued when they seem so gargantuan. Yet it has happened before, by the power of God. Indeed, it happens again and again and again as followers of Jesus go out into the world with God's name upon their brows, denouncing the ills of the world and working for justice and peace as our baptismal calling compels us to do.

That old spiritual "Oh, when the saints go marching in" (ACS 950) is most appropriate for this first Sunday in July. It speaks of longing to be among the saints entering the beloved kingdom of God, but it may also apply to these seventy saints sent out in today's gospel.

We too are in that number, wielding the powerful name of Christ. Rejoice!

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## Stewardship Information

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Renew Campaign Received \$ 0.00

TOTAL Outstanding \$4842.00

**Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who realizes our limitations.**

**Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a Nursery Attendant during the 10:45 worship service.**

**Annual Report** Copies of the 2021-2022 Annual Report are available today in the Gathering Area.

**Time and Talent Surveys** Time and Talent surveys are now available. Physical copies are available in the July/August edition of the GraceGram, or you can pick one up from the Gathering Area. If you wish to complete your survey electronically, visit the Grace website and follow the link on the righthand side. Completed physical copies can be returned to the Gathering Area envelope.

**Reminder: Annual Meeting July 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show** Do you own a classic or antique car, truck, or motorcycle? Do you enjoy looking at older model vehicles? Please come join us Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Car Show. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. for vehicles and the outdoor service begins at 10:00 a.m. under the tent. There will be food at 11:30. Come join the fun!

**Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign.** As you can tell by the above numbers, we have paid off all of these items. Now we enter into the Renewal phase of the campaign which has a goal of raising \$4842.00 for a new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your continued generosity.