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# Eighth 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.*

## Gathering Songs

### *Bring Forth The Kingdom*

You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God! **Refrain:**

#### **Refrain:**

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace. Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! **Refrain:**

You are a seed of the word, O people, bring forth the kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God! **Refrain:**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people, bound for the kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! **Refrain:**

### *He Came Down*

1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.

2 peace

3 joy

4 light

5 hope

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**Refrain:**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **Refrain:**
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain:**
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain:**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain:**

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu Alleluia

## Welcome/Announcements

### Call to Worship

*Each phrase is sung by the leader and repeated by the congregation.*

### *In the Name of the Father*

In the name of the Father,  
in the name of the Son,  
in the name of the Spirit,  
the three in one.

### Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray.... Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.  
☞ **Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

📖 A reading from **Ecclesiastes**.

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 49:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
**<sup>2</sup>you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
**<sup>4</sup>I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
**<sup>6</sup>the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
**<sup>8</sup>for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.  
**<sup>10</sup>For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.  
**<sup>12</sup>Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## Second Reading

## Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

📖 A reading from **Ephesians**.

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

## *Celtic Alleluia!*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

🎤 Sung 2 X's

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## *Celtic Alleluia!* Reprise

## Children's Time

### *Fruit Of The Spirit*

The Fruit of the Spirit's not apples  
The Fruit of the Spirit's not apples  
If you want to be an apple  
You might as well hear it:  
You can't be a fruit of the Spirit  
The fruit is:  
**Love, joy, peace, patience**  
**Kindness, goodness, faithfulness**  
**Gentleness and self-control (2x's)**

## Message

*Silence for reflection*

**Refrain:**

**Oh, What a great thing it is and oh, how pleasant it can be  
For all God's people to live together in peace.  
So now tell everyone you meet of the joy that we were meant to see  
When all God's people live together in peace.**

1. The Lord gave everyone a law, that we should  
Love and follow every call from him.  
Love and follow every call from him. **Refrain:**

2. The Father promised us a home where we could  
Live together as a family.  
Live together as a family. **Refrain:**

3. Brothers, sisters are we all because we're  
Made as equal in the sight of God.  
Made as equal in the sight of God. **Refrain:**

4. All you children of the Lord sing out and  
Praise our God for all eternity.  
Praise our God for all eternity. **Refrain:**

**Prayers**

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

Ⓐ Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence*

Ⓐ O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. We especially name *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion St. James Lutheran Church, Rogers City; Middleville Wesleyan Journey Church, Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Ⓐ O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**



**A** O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Be with those who safeguard the world, *especially Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads), and Seth Domke (nephew and Godson of Ed and Kim Domke).* Hear us, O God.

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

**A** O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress *especially Jenny Anderson, Veronica Baarson, Marc Benda, Keith Busheé, Cherie Clements, Deanna Darnell, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Kathy Engle and family, Gene and Julie Fogarty and family, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Jeff and Sue Gibbons, Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Charlene Hall, Judy Heil, Mike Hoppe, Bill Melcher, Rick Palmer, Annette Poholski, Susie Smith, Jackie Stapel, George Ulrich Jr., Carol Vos, Cheryl Wilke, and the family of Rob Young.* Renew us at your table of mercy. Hear us, O God.

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

**A** O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (*especially*). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Hear us, O God.

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

**P** Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C** **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.)*

# Offering Song

## *Create in Me*



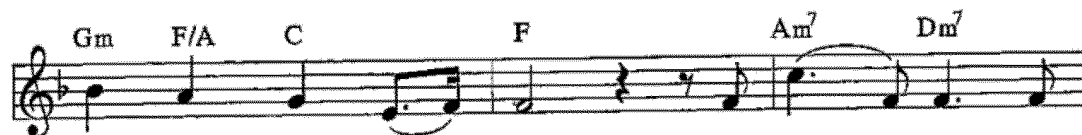
Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time signature. Chords: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Bb, Gm. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time signature. Chords: C<sup>7</sup>sus, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes.

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



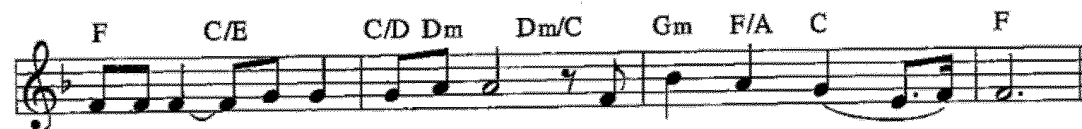
Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time signature. Chords: Gm, F/A, C, F, Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>. The melody features quarter and eighth notes.

I might be re - newed. So fill me and



Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time signature. Chords: Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, Gm/D, C<sup>7</sup>sus, C<sup>7</sup>. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes.

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time signature. Chords: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F. The melody concludes with quarter and eighth notes.

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

## Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ 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.
- ☞ **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.**



## Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

*Songs during communion distribution*

### *If We Could Share this Wine*

Verse 1: If we could share this wine with every nation,  
And if this bread we break could end starvation.

**Refrain: What a wonderful day, what a wonderful way, to share God's love together.**

Verse 2: If every heart and hand, could touch another,  
Then every motherless child could find his brother. **Refrain:**

Verse 3: If we could grow in warmth as we grew older,  
This world would live in peace and not grow colder. **Refrain:**

Verse 4: If every day we woke we looked for beauty,  
This life would be a joy and not a duty. **Refrain:**

Verse 5: If every mind and soul with love were bound,  
Then inside every one Christ could be found.

**(repeat Refrain 2 times)**

### *Lord, Be Glorified*

1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2 In our song

3 In your church

4 In your world

## ***Kum Ba Yah***

- 1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah! x3 O Lord, Kum ba yah
- 2 Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah! x3 O Lord, Kum ba yah
- 3 Someone's singing, Lord, Kum ba yah! x3 O Lord, Kum ba yah
- 4 Someone's praying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
- 5 Someone's dancing, Lord, Kum ba yah!
- 6 Someone needs you, Lord, Come by here!

### **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.**



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

**Dismissal**

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- Ⓑ Thanks be to God.

**Prayer for our BBQ meal**

## **The Richness of Life**

Many people in the United States have such an abundance of possessions that they don't even notice it. It feels normal to have things in excess. For others in the same culture, paying rent or the mortgage and having enough to buy food is a struggle. Scarcity is a daily reality.

Someone in the crowd asked Jesus, "Tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me" (Luke 12:13). It feels urgent. Is he being impatient? Is his brother refusing to give him a fair share of the estate? Is he being greedy? Is he desperate because he is unable to pay his debts or care for his children?

We don't know who is living in abundance of possessions and who is living in scarcity in this story. Whether we are rich or poor, greedy or needy, we can fall into the trap of thinking that an abundance of possessions is what life must be about. Having enough to live and be safe is important for everyone. But having as much as possible while others go without is outside of God's good intentions for human community.

Jesus points beyond abundance of possessions to finding the key to life in an abundance of something else: being "rich toward God" (v. 21). What could this mean? First, it means knowing that God provides abundantly for us and for all, so we live with gratitude to God for all we have. Second, it means knowing our only true security is in God's love and grace, which we always have. Third, it means responding to the God of abundance with the same generosity toward others. Being rich toward God means being generous toward our neighbors.

Why is this the key to life, and not abundance of possessions? Because we are created to live in relationship with God and each other. And in living generously toward each other we participate in the goodness of God. That is the richness of life.

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## Stewardship Information

Attendance: 48	Views: 92
Weekly Giving: \$2,385.75	Budget Amount: \$4,163.28
Renew Campaign Needed \$4342.00	
Renew Campaign Received <u>\$ 300.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding \$4042.00	

**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.**

**WELCOME TO the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grace Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show** We are so glad to have you join us today for worship, fellowship, and food.

**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.

**Relay for Life** The 2022 Barry County Relay for Life is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Tyden Park in Hastings. We hope you'll join us in celebrating cancer survivors as we meet across from the auction tent with team Give4Good. The survivor walk takes place at 6:00 p.m. and the luminary ceremony begins at 9:00 p.m. For more details and to donate, please see the display in the Gathering Area, or contact Kim Domke at 269.908.0024.

**Time and Talent Surveys** Please fill out your 2022 Time and Talent Survey. Physical copies were distributed 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. Thank you to all of those who have filled them out. The deadline for completed surveys is Monday, August 1.