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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, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.

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

## Gathering Music

### Welcome

*Arise in body or Spirit*

### Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open our lips,  
**G** and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
- A** Blessed God, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
**G** that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- P** Give praise to the Holy Trinity our true God,  
**G** who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.

## Gathering Song

*Morning Has Broken*

ELW 556

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

## Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray... O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being.  
**G** By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Grace Singers (10:45)

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

## First Reading

**Hosea 5:15--6:6**

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

📖 A reading from **Hosea**:

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:7-15



Refrain



Call up - on me in the day of trou - ble, says your God.

<sup>7</sup>Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup>**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup>**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup>**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

## Second Reading

## Romans 4:13-25

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

📖 A reading from **Romans:**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

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

☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

☐ 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. After reflection,*

*Arise in body or in spirit to sing the hymn.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

**ELW 764**

*You may sit or kneel for prayer.*

## Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Receive our prayer, O God.** The assembly prays, **You give us mercy.***

☐ Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.  
*A brief silence.*

☐ We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. Guide and strengthen *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and David, our synod companions St. Paul Lutheran Church, East Lansing; Faith United Methodist Church, Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Receive our prayer, O God.

☑ **You give us mercy.**

☐ We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. Receive our prayer, O God.

☑ **You give us mercy.**

☐ We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), and Seth Domke (Domke).* Receive our prayer, O God.

☑ **You give us mercy.**

☐ We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain especially *Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Sharon Bolton, Cherie*

*Clements, Pat Wales DePew, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Lisa Golnek, Norma Ludlow, Martha Mizak, Lisa Nurenberg, Abbie Osborn (pregnancy), Corrina Palmer, Ricky Palmer, Annette Poholski, Kathy Politis, Al Throop, and Erika Wood.* Receive our prayer, O God.

**☞ You give us mercy.**

**Ⓐ** We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. We implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. Receive our prayer, O God.

**☞ You give us mercy.**

**Ⓐ** We give thanks, O God, for all the saints

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. Receive our prayer, O God.

**☞ You give us mercy.**

**Ⓟ** Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

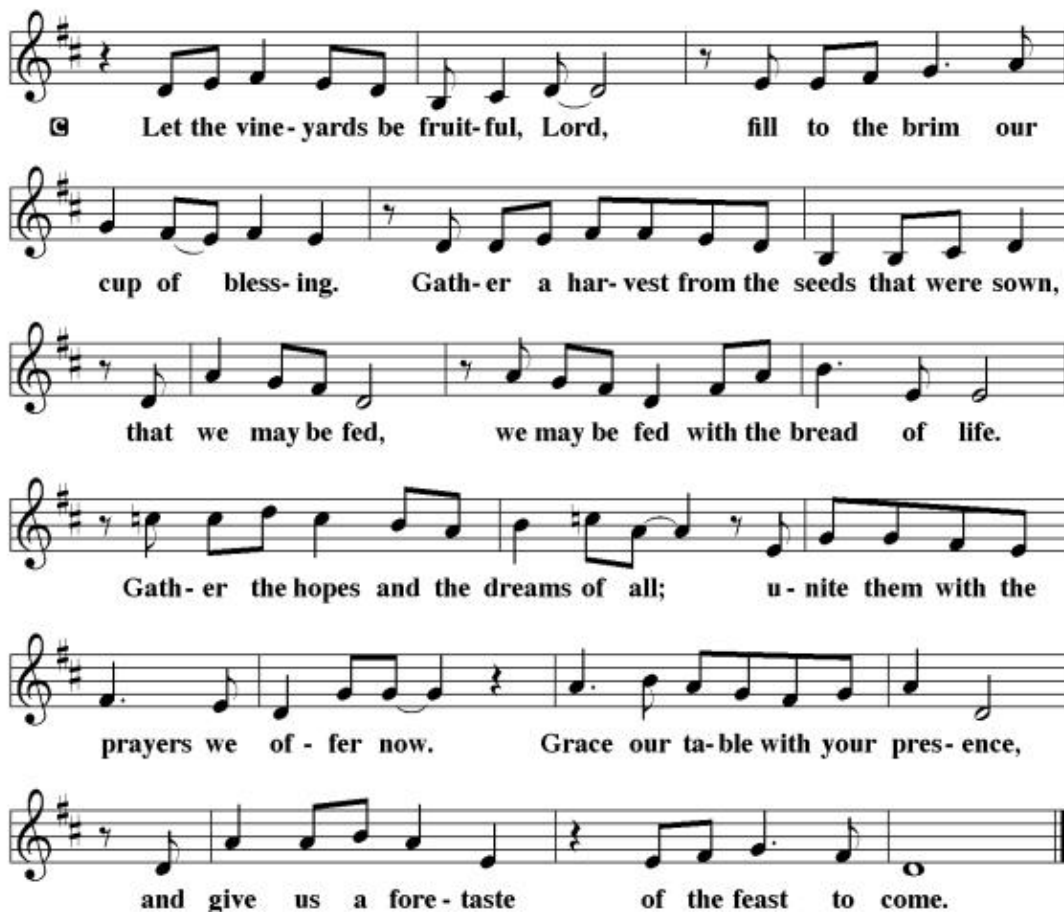
**☞ Amen.**



Arise in body or spirit.

## Offering Song

## Let the Vineyards



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## 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.
- G** **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**

## Sharing the Peace of God

- P** The peace of Christ be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**

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

## Great Thanksgiving



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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.

## Table Prayer

Ⓟ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff continues with 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff has 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features various note values, rests, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

- Ⓟ Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.
- Ⓞ **When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.**
- Ⓟ 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.
- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death,
- Ⓞ **we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.**
- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
- Ⓞ **so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.**

☐ Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☑ Amen

### Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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

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

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Sit*

### *Lamb of God*

☑ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Songs

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

ELW 471

ELW 403

## Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ 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.
- ☒ **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

- ☐ 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.
- ☒ **Amen.**

## Sending Song

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW 860

## Sending

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

## Postlude

### 8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin  
Lector – Dave Neeb  
Cantor – Cindy Olson  
Musician – Cindy Olson  
Pastor – Ken Scheck II

### 10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo  
Lector – Gwen Hansen  
Cantor – Anna Scheck  
Musician – Cindy Olson  
Pastor – Ken Scheck II  
Fellowship – The Scheck Family

## Desperate Measures

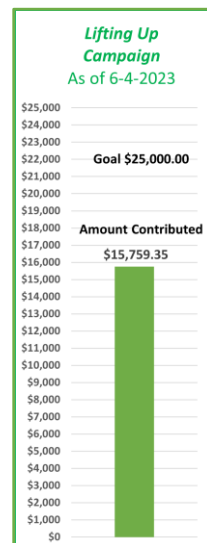
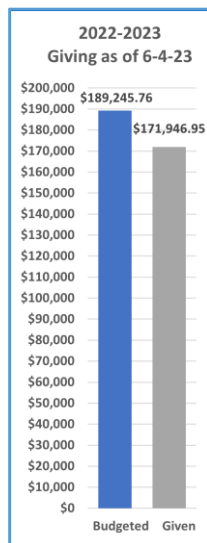
You've likely heard the saying "Desperate times call for desperate measures." Today's gospel features a story within a story, both of women, both restored to life and community. And the actions—of the girl's father and the woman with the flow of blood—are equal parts desperation and faith.

A father approaches Jesus in his desperation and asks for the inconceivable—that Jesus would lay his hand on his dead daughter and bring her back to life. Our daily news from throughout the world is filled with images of parents taking drastic measures to save their children. Asking this rebellious rabbi to bring the daughter back to life is certainly taking a chance!

Before Jesus even reaches the daughter, he is interrupted by a woman whose desperation has been building for twelve years. Due to a medical condition, she has lived as an outcast. She spends her days plotting her movements so as not to "contaminate" others and is accustomed to being on the outside looking in. Imagine how lonely she is. Her desperation leaves her determined to move through the crowd just to touch the fringe of Jesus' garment. He responds to this act of faith by looking her in the eye and telling her exactly what an incredible act of faith this was.

In these desperate, faithful stories, the appeal for mercy is met with mercy. What would make us appeal for mercy? A medical diagnosis that leaves us determined to exhaust all treatment possibilities? Praying for the impossible at a loved one's deathbed? Hurtful circumstances that leave us feeling isolated? Jesus calls Matthew from his tax table, then gathers with him and others around a dinner table with words of mercy. Week after week, Jesus gathers us at his table, because he is desperate to share that same mercy with us.

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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 continues to call each one of us. Even though we do wrong or sin by not caring, just loves us and asks us to love one another.

### Stewardship Information



Attendance: 65	Views: 204
Weekly Giving: \$3,957.00	Budget Amount: \$4,301.04
Online Giving for May: \$2,120.00	Barry County Cares: \$40.00
Outreach for Family Promise: \$1,000.00	Synod Youth Gathering: \$15.00
<i>Lifting Up</i> Campaign Needed: \$9,240.65	- Note starting need was \$25,000.00
<i>Lifting Up</i> Campaign Received: <u>-\$ 0.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding: \$9,240.65	

**Noisy Offering** will be collected today to benefit Barry County Cares. You may place coins and other money into the silver bowl located in the front during the singing of the offertory song. Noisy Offering is taken every second Sunday.

**Time and Talent Inventory** is available in the Gathering Area. Please fill out and return by July 1 to the collection folder. Thank you.

**The Youth Cedar Point** trip is **TODAY** (after late worship service) through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Prayer Chain** Grace has an activated prayer chain. If you want to be a part of the prayer chain, or have a request for prayer, please text or call Patti Comp at 248.408.5613.

**Adult Forum** studies normally studies Proverbs in the Gathering Area today at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

**The nursery is available during the 10:45 worship service.** Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

**Second Information Session Regarding Draft Budget will be held TODAY** Stewardship Chair Chris Bush will be available in the Fellowship Hall between services to answer questions about the draft of the 2023-2024 budget.

**The Annual Grace Auto Show is July 30, 2023.** We will be having a combined service at 10:00 a.m. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this fun event.

**The 2023 Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, JULY 9th at 9:30 am.