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# Sixth 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.*

## Welcome

## Gathering Music

*Arise in body or Spirit*

## Opening Sentences

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

## Gathering Song

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712

## Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- ☞ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
☞ **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

- ☞ Let us pray... Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.  
☞ **By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

📖 A reading from **Lamentations:**

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 30




### Refrain



<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance. **


<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said,  
"I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**


<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong<sup>1</sup> as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was<sup>1</sup> filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup>clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup>cy upon me;  
O LORD,<sup>1</sup> be my helper." **

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever. **

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

### **L** A reading from **2 Corinthians**:

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### Gospel Acclamation

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*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to **Mark**.

👉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Children's Message

*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

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

**Song of the Day**

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

**ELW 858**

*Please be seated.*

## Prayers

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

**A** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence*

**A** God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. Guide and direct *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and David, our synod companion Ascension Lutheran Church, Saginaw; Thornapple Valley Church, Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy Ken.* Merciful God.

**G** **Receive our prayer.**

**A** God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. Merciful God.

**G** **Receive our prayer.**

**A** God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. 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).* Merciful God.

**G** **Receive our prayer.**

**A** God of compassion, your touch brings healing, and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy *especially for Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Dennis Baarson, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, The family of Walter Brown, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Magdalena Garcia, Opal Gillons, Lisa Golnek, Caitlyn Habben (pregnancy), Ed Markwart, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, Corinna Palmer, Sharon Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Annette Poholski, Patty Renne, Jennifer Rohr, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Mike Shoemaker, Ron Smith, The family of Barry Swanson, Deb Talsma, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson.* Merciful God.

**C** **Receive our prayer.**

**A** God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. Merciful God.

**C** **Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intersessions may be offered.*

**P** God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory

**C** **Amen.**

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### 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 Song

### Let the Vineyards

WOV page 35



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and 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 with the bread of life.





Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

### 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 this bread and wine.
- Ⓒ **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

- Ⓐ 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Table Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection.

**We look with hope for Jesus' coming. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

**May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

**Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, our God, 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

☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Songs:

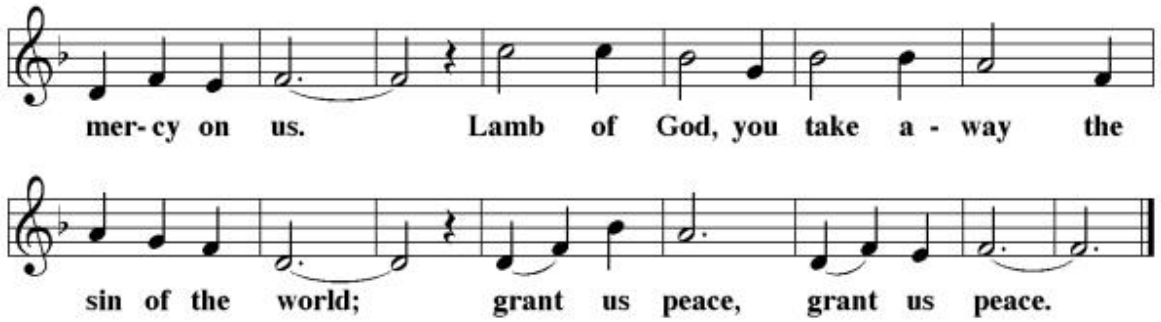
*Lamb of God*

WOV 39

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The lyrics are printed below the notes.



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

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
*The Church in Christ, in Every Age*

ELW 470  
ELW 729

### 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

## All Are Welcome

Do you ever feel left out? Do you ever wonder if Jesus is really for *you*? Perhaps you wonder if your sins are too many, or too bad. Or perhaps life has dealt you a rotten hand, and if people only knew what was going on behind your shallow “I’m fine” at church coffee hour, they wouldn’t be so friendly. Or maybe you’ve heard that Jesus is for the marginalized, the victims, and the irreligious—and you’re none of those things. You have a solid family, a good job, a nice church you’re very involved in. *Perhaps Jesus is too busy to be bothered with my concerns*, you think.

If you’ve ever thought that perhaps you’re not the right sort of person for the message of Jesus, today’s gospel reading should set your mind at ease. In one quick story Jesus heals a woman of low status *and* the daughter of a man well respected in the community. The woman with the endless flow of blood shouldn’t be near anyone, according to long-followed laws. But in faith, she dares to brush her fingers against the hem of Jesus’ cloak and, instead of a rebuke, hears the loving voice of her Savior. The leader of the synagogue is precisely the sort of religious authority we tell ourselves Jesus came to cast down from their thrones. But in faith, he dares to ask Jesus into his home and, instead of a rebuke, sees the Messiah restore his daughter to life.

No matter who you are, Jesus is for you. Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, any gender, any background, marginalized or imbued with worldly power—Jesus is for you. He is not ashamed or afraid of you. He is not too busy helping others. Reach out in faith and let him show you just how much he loves you.

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10:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton

Lector – Gwen Hansen

Cantor – Vickey Argo

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship – Social Activities Committee

**Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. 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 Jesus who walks among us and gives us a healing touch.**

**The 2024 Grace Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, JULY 14th at 9:30 am. Please plan to attend. Please submit all reports for the Annual Meeting by Sunday, June 2nd.

## Stewardship Information

Please use this QR Code to access online giving.



Attendance: 55  
Weekly Giving: \$2,390.00

Views: 294  
Budget Amount: \$4,366.17

<b>Grace Projects Goal</b>	<b>\$25,252.00</b>	<b>HVAC Grace Project</b>	<b>\$564.50</b>
Received To Date	-\$ 2,655.00	Received to Date	-\$770.00
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>\$22,597.00</b>	<b>Total Needed</b>	<b>+ \$205.50</b>

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$770.00 HVAC Sanctuary repair  
\$300.00 HVAC replacement

**THANK YOU for gifts that covered the cost of Sanctuary HVAC.** Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

**THANK YOU FOR the \$1,700.00 gifts toward staff computers.** With this gift, the ministry of Jesus Christ here at Grace Lutheran Church can continue in a much smoother fashion.

**Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show** Please join us on **Sunday, July 28** for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show from 9:00 until 3:00. There will be a combined worship service beginning at 10:00. Registration for participants begins at 9:00 with dash plaques being given to the first 40 entrants. Food and beverages are being provided by Thrivent beginning at 11:30.

**The nursery is available weekly 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.

**Adult Forum** please join us at 9:30 with Pastor Ken leading the study.

**Time and Talent Surveys** are now available in the Gathering Area. Please return completed forms into the collection folder (also located in the Gathering Area) by July 1. Thank you.

**Carol and Jack Vos will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 6<sup>th</sup>.** You are invited to join them in the fellowship hall here at Grace Lutheran Church from 2-4 pm.

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship** Please join us today for Fifth Sunday fellowship sponsored by the Social Activities Committee. Thank you to the committee for the delicious treats.

**Devotionals for July, August and September** are available in the Gathering Area.