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# Twelfth 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**

- 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**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**ELW 522**

**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... Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.  
**G** Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

📖 A reading from **1 Kings**:

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 78:23-29



📖 Refrain



<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory | in the Lord;**  
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's | name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the Lord, who | answered me**  
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.** 📖

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me  
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord  
and de- | livers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the | Lord is good;  
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!** ☩

## Second Reading

**Ephesians 4:25—5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death..*

☩ A reading from **Ephesians**:

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

☩ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*Please arise in body or spirit.*



☒ 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

**John 6:35, 41-51**

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

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

☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

<sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

☐ 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**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**ELW 618**

*Please be seated.*

## Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **In your mercy.** The assembly prays, **Receive our prayer.***

- Ⓐ Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

- Ⓐ Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. We lift up *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and David, our synod companion Peace Lutheran Church, South Haven; Woodland United Methodist; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* In your mercy.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. In your mercy.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. 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), Seth Domke (Domke), and Nathen Schick (Markwart).* In your mercy.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill *especially Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Dennis Baarson, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Eric Crux, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Magdalena Garcia, Ruby Gibbons (proud parents, Shayna and James Gibbons), Opal Gillons, Lisa Golnek, Caitlyn Habben (pregnancy), Ruth Hill, Joy Jenks, Ed Markwart, Lexi Markwart, Martha Mizak, Dawn McElgunn, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, Corinna Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Patty Renne, Jennifer Rohr, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Mike Shoemaker, Ron Smith, John Surratt, Deb Talsma, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson.* In your mercy.

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

**A** Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more.

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. In your mercy.

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

**P** We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**G** **Amen.**

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### 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.)*

### Offering Song

### Create In Me

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**G** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -





### 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

**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** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

Communion Songs: *I am the Bread of Life*  
*What Feast of Love*

ELW 485

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## 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

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

ELW 535

## Sending

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

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

## Postlude

## Jesus, Living Bread

What is meant by “living bread”? When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, God gave them manna from heaven to sustain them on their way. They had to collect this manna every day and could not harvest more than one day’s portion, except to prepare for the sabbath, because if they did, the manna would go bad. That is the fate of everything that is not living: cars rust, food molds, even still water stagnates. But to be living is to find renewal over and over and over again. One of the defining characteristics of life is the ability to be renewed.

By proclaiming “I am the living bread,” Jesus reminds us this week that he is the embodiment of God’s sustaining presence. Through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection we are brought into a covenantal relationship with God that has been established for all time. In the sacrament of communion we are brought to Christ’s table to be renewed again and again and again.

God’s renewal also comes to us throughout our daily lives. God’s redeeming love for us is often most present at the edge of our sin and brokenness, where we are most in need of healing and redemption. God’s redeeming love is present every time we find reconciliation with a loved one or forgive one another. Anywhere we experience healing and wholeness in our daily lives, God’s renewal is present, and we are reminded of the renewal we receive through the sacrament of the altar. Thanks be to God for providing us with the living bread that is Jesus, through whom we find renewal and peace.

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### **8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin**

**Lector – Tim Schoessel**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

### **10:45 am**

**Assisting Minister – Mark Anton**

**Lector – Gwen Hansen**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

**Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart**

**TURKEYVILLE Millon Dollar Quartet on October 12 at 12 p.m.** The trip to Turkeyville includes a full turkey meal and the play. Tickets are \$65.00 and payable to Bill Freedlund. Please place cash or checks in an envelope provided in the Gathering Area, and place them on the office desk. **The deadline for signing up is TODAY.**

**Red Cross Blood Drive** Grace is hosting a blood drive on **Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m.** You can sign up for a donation appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by using the donor app. Donors giving in the month of August receive a \$20 Amazon gift card through email. Questions? Call 269.945.9414. If you can volunteer to help and/or donate refreshments for the drive, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

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 living bread.

Please use this QR Code to access online giving.

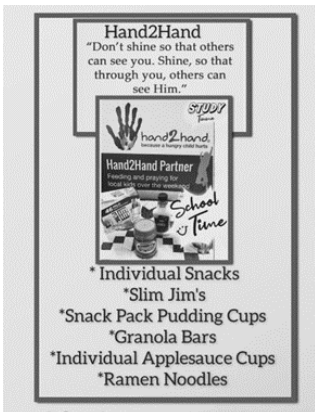


### Stewardship Information

Attendance: 33 Views: 268  
 Weekly Giving: \$2,265.00 Budget Amount: \$4,173.03

**Grace Projects Goal \$ 25,252.00**  
 Received To Date -\$ 2,976.32  
**Total Needed \$ 22,275.68**

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$5.00



**Hand2Hand** It’s hard to believe that it’s time to start thinking about “Back to School”. Hand2Hand is getting ready for the 2024-2025 school year. August donations are due by the 25th. If you have questions, please see Patti Comp. Thank you for helping needy students over the weekends.

**Relay for Life** is on Saturday, September 14-15, 2024, noon to noon. Bags are a \$10 donation. Make checks out to: **American Cancer Society** memo Barry RFL Place donations in RFL envelope and place in the office. Thanks!

**Calendars are available for \$5.00 each.**

**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.

**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.

**Cereal Band Concert** is next Sunday, August 18 from 3-5 pm at Gull Lake Manor House. Music includes marches, Broadway favorites, classical, folk, jazz and other popular tunes. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.