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# Third 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.*

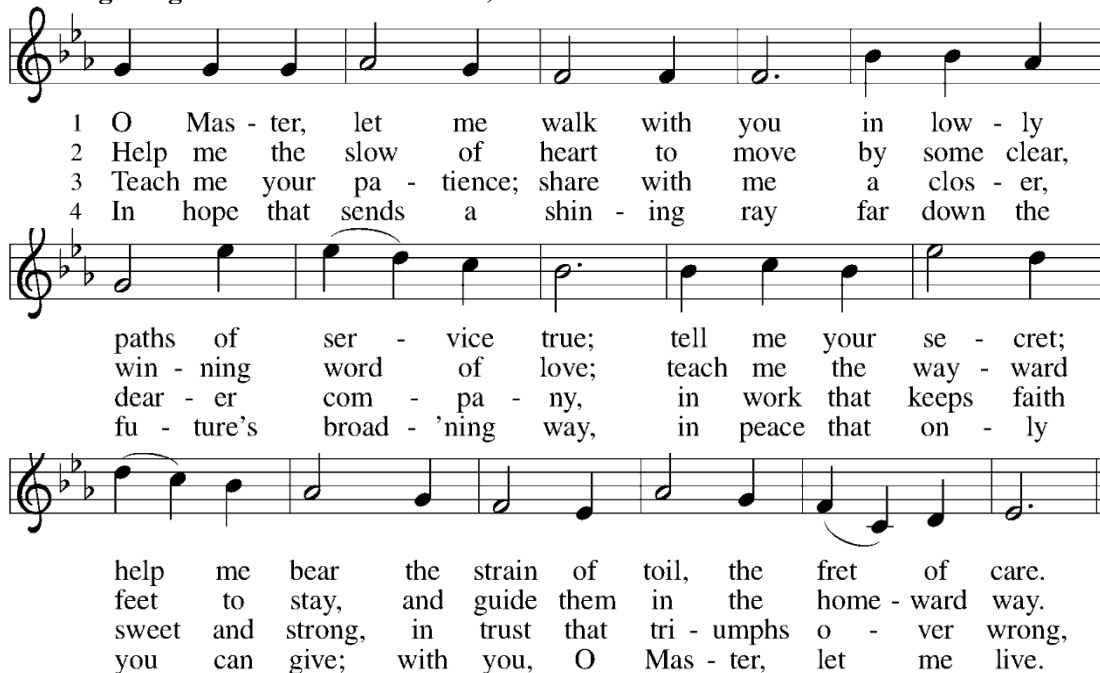
## Welcome

## Gathering Music

*Arise in body or Spirit*

## Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, open our lips,  
**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.



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## 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. . . Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom
- ☑ **In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
- Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

## 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

📖 A reading from **1 Kings**.

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16



### Refrain




I have set the LORD al-ways be - fore me.

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take ref- uge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a- bove all other.”

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- mong the people.**


<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names up- on my lips.** 

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who up- hold my lot.


<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD al- ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.** 

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- it rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- evermore. 

## Second Reading

## Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

📖 A reading from **Galatians**.

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

*Arise in body or spirit.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

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

▮ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

▮ The Gospel of the Lord.

▮ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### Song of the Day

### Open My Heart

ACS 1043

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.



*Please sit or kneel.*

## **Prayers**

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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Ⓐ Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. Bless our leaders and partners, *including Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and Kjersten, our synod companion St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids; First Congregational Church, Lake Odessa; First Presbyterian Church, Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God of grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart), and Leopold Schick (Markwart).* God of grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence, *especially Jennie Anderson, Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Terri Barry, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Bob Ehredt, Bonnie Ehredt, Greg Franks, Lori and John Giacalone, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Joy Jenks, Michelle Kaufman (pregnancy), Dana Lepien, Dawn McElgunn, Ed McManaway, Linda Melcher, Sandy Mikolajczyk, Martha Misak, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Lisa Nurenberg, Lynnze Rudesill, Joan Schelter, Angie Stanton, Kathy Surratt, Ed Szumowski, Al Throop and Claudia Throop.* Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

- A** Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries, including Barry County Cares, Green Gables, and the food pantry. Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,
- C** **Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- A** Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. God of grace,
- C** **Receive our prayer.**
- P** Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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

### *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

## 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 our duty and delight 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:

## You Are Holy

ELW 525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
*You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,*

*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
*you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!*

*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
*Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!*

*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
*Sing ho - san - na! to our God!*

### Table Prayer

- ☐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

- ☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

## Jesus, Lamb of God

*All*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

Communion Song:

*In this Feast of Love*

ACS 962



*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.

## Sending

☒ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☐ Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

**9:30 am**

**Assisting Minister – Mark Anton**

**Lector – Anna Scheck**

**Musician – Cindy Olson**

**Cantor – Vickey Argo**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck**

**Fellowship – Paul Kuhlman**

## **Moving in Love**

Participating in divisive discourse has become pervasive in this culture, particularly on social media platforms. Conversations regarding religion and politics can swiftly escalate into full-blown battles, and it can be challenging to remain cordial and reflective when confronted with false dichotomies and personal attacks around social issues.

In today's gospel reading, the siblings James and John quickly want to retaliate with violence and aggression against the village that rejects Jesus. However, he rebukes them for their fury. The brothers appear to have disregarded the fact that when Jesus commissioned them earlier with the other disciples to spread the good news, he instructed them that if they encountered rejection, they should merely "shake the dust off [their] feet as a testimony against [the rejectors]" and move on (Luke 9:5). Dusting off their feet was not only for the sake of nonengagement but also for their safety. What good would the news be if every rejection led to violence and war?

It's not easy to dust off our feet and move on when we are engaged in passionate debates. But how do we translate this action into a life-giving practice of discipleship? We practice this spirit of reconciliation during worship when extending peace to our neighbor. We engage in loving discourse when we pray and share a meal around Jesus' table.

Our engagement as disciples is steeped in the reminder that Jesus came to bring abundant life and love into the world. Finding ways to stay connected to one another while balancing the moments that call for dusting off one's feet and moving on is not simple or easy. Gatherings and connections within and outside of worship allow us to practice God's abundant grace and mercy, whether by stepping away or by moving in close for the sake of care and love for neighbor and self.

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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 God, who challenges us to follow with a conviction of sharing God’s grace and love.

Stewardship Information



Attendance: 40	Views: 224
Weekly Giving: \$1,590.00	Budget Amount: \$4,366.17
Cost of ALL materials for Landscaping Project	\$789.31
Brat Sale Received To Date	\$690.00
Gift Towards Landscaping Project	\$200.00
Landscaping is Paid Off, Extra to General Fund	+\$100.69
Grace Projects Goal	\$ 25,252.00
Received To Date	-\$ 4,650.00
Total Needed	\$ 20,602.00
Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$50	

**Women of Faith** meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 am here at Grace. All women are welcome. We are having casual summer meetings, without an official study resource.

**The nursery is available weekly during the 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.

**Parish Administrator** is Cindy Olson; **office hours 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Wednesday.** Anna will start a full-time job with the Barry Community Foundation on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cindy is the PA-in-training!

**Adult Forum** Please join us after worship with Pastor Ken, with a study on Hebrews.

**Fun in the Sun Blood Drive** is on Monday, June 30 from 10 am – 4 pm. Registration is open, call 1-800-733-2767 or go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html>. Please consider giving blood and spread the word to those who may be interested! Sign up to help with the event on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on July 13 after worship. Please plan to attend, so that we have quorum.