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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

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

Gathering Song

God is Here!

ELW 526

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 . . . God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself.
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.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

📖 A reading from **Exodus**.

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites:⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine,⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.'⁷ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

📖 The word of the Lord.

👏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100



📖 Refrain



We are God's peo - ple and the sheep of God's pas - ture.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.** 📖

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.** 📖

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

📖 A reading from **Romans**.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

📖 The word of the Lord.

👏 **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Accomp. Ed. pg. 102



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 9:35—10:8

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.**

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

📖 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

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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.***

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence

A God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. Walk with and guide *Bishops Yehiel and Julie, Assistants Scott and Kate; our synod companion churches, Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta; Faith Bible Church in Lake Odessa; Faith United Methodist Church in Delton; Minister of Music Cindy, and Pastor Ken.* God of grace.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. 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.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries, *especially Jennie Anderson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Kim Domke, Celina Eichler, Greg Franks, Melanie Franks, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Bill Halstead, Cynthia Hansen, Jamie Heise (pregnancy), Walker Heise, Autum Henion, Christine Jenkins, Joy Jenks, Carmen Karkau, Martha Klenk, Michelle Luedke, Ed Markwart, Larry Maupin, Dick Melcher, Carrie Miller, Virginia Moomey, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Corey Normandin, Lincoln Osborn, Emma Poholski (pregnancy), Rob Smelker, Payton Stancil, Kathy Surratt, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Tom and Kathy.* God of grace.

C **Receive our prayer.**

A God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace.

C **Receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- Ⓐ God of faith, we give thanks for (*Macrina, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Nazianzus, and all*) the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace.
- Ⓒ **Receive our prayer.**
- ⒫ Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

- ⒫ The peace of Christ be with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.** *(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 185

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. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer

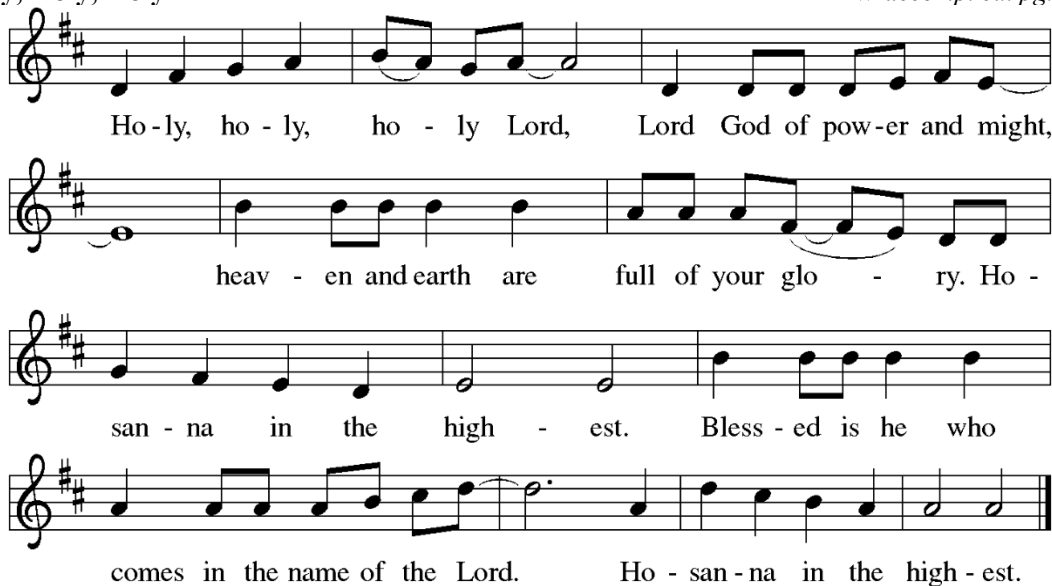
- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- ☑ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

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 our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW accomp. ed. pg. 106



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ We should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.
- ☒ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**

- Ⓟ 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.**

- Ⓟ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.
- ☒ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- Ⓟ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- ☒ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

- Ⓟ 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.
- ☒ **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are 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, Jesus Christ.
- ☒ **Amen, Come Holy Spirit.**

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.

Communion Songs

Lamb of God

ELW accomp. ed. pg. 109

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

As We Gather at Your Table
Taste and See

ELW 522
ELW 493

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

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW 666

Sending

Ⓐ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Anna Scheck

Cantor – Paul Kuhlman

Lector – Amy Poholski

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Cup Bearer – Brenda Teegardin

Usher – Mark Anton

Fellowship - Jeanette Markwart

Noisy Offering – Do you have loose change taking space in your pockets or purses? Consider contributing to the Noisy Offering bowl at the front of the sanctuary this morning. These funds will be going to help Barry County Cares.

The Lakewood Area Choral Society will be in concert on Sunday, June 28th, 3:00 pm, at Kilpatrick United Brethren Church in Woodland.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on July 12 after worship. Please plan to attend, so that we have quorum. **Reports are due on June 16 at the council meeting.**

Join us for the next Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 29, 10 am to 4 pm. The theme is “Discover Grace Zoo.” Please consider volunteering by donating, helping with registration, or providing snacks for those who give blood. A list of needed foods will be provided in the near future.

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 to give praise to God who calls us into the labor fields. May the work we do be to the glory of God, who gives us new life through the salvation we have been given in Jesus.

Stewardship Information

Please use this QR Code to access online giving.

Attendance: 35	Views: 192
Weekly Giving: \$3,583.00	Budget Amount: \$4,363.00



Offerings received to date through May	\$181,816.17
Offerings received in June	+ \$ 3,583.00
Year to date total offerings	<u>\$185,399.17</u>

Grace Projects Goal	\$30,000.00	Non-Budget Outreach income
Received To Date	- <u>\$29,180.00</u>	\$200.00 (Miscellaneous Fund)
Total Needed	\$ 820.00	\$200.00 (Grace Projects)

Update on the Parking Lot Cement Project. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Cement Project have been completed. Please be careful when entering the building. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project. Grace is blessed with many generous people. Thank you!

Faith books are still available in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to take as many books and you would like. We thank Steve Wales (Pat's son) for providing these books for us.

The nursery is available weekly during the worship service. Our Nursery Attendant, Aurora Collins, would love to have some little ones visit her.

Parish Administrator Cindy Olson's **office hours are 10 am to 2:30 pm Mon – Wed.**

Pastor Ken's office hours are 10 am to 12 noon Mon & Wed.

Compassion as Proclamation

When Jesus instructed his followers to “ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers” (Matthew 9:38), his disciples might not have expected that the sending would happen so quickly, or that they would be the ones sent. The job of harvest laborers might seem straightforward enough: Recognize the gifts, the fruit, and use them to advance the good news of God’s work. But what prompts Jesus to tell the disciples to ask God for laborers is that he sees people who are “harassed and helpless” (v. 36) and is moved to compassion. That movement prompts us to consider that compassion is not merely a feeling that is held, but an energy that reaches out through us to others.

Congregational mission statements and our Sunday liturgy commonly reinforce that the faithful are sent into the world proclaiming the good news of God in Christ. The scriptures stress the importance of connecting oral proclamation with meaningful action, lest proclamation become merely lip service. While proclaiming the gospel might seem broad and difficult to narrow down into our many daily interactions and tasks, the guiding principle of compassion provides a touchpoint.

The disciples’ message that God’s kingdom has come near is accompanied by actions meant to alleviate suffering. When we gather as a people of faith, we receive God’s compassion in Christ that extends through the Lord’s supper and unites us in fellowship. In our prayers we are attentive to personal, local, and broad requests, asking God to receive and keep them in God’s care. These acts of worship can prepare us to extend the compassion given to us into our personal conversations and interactions with others. When we ask how we can be led by compassion, we are asking how we can proclaim the good news of God in Christ.

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