

Grace Lutheran Church
Pentecost 8
July 26, 2020



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church Online!

We are glad to have you worship with us and we invite you to join us any time on our YouTube channel or on Facebook. The following pages contain the order of worship for this date. Hymns are at the end.

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Congregation responses are in **BOLD**

Prelude

"Jesus, Still Lead On" - Krapf

Joys, Concerns and Blessing

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW 557

"Awake My Soul, and with the Sun"

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music - Cindy Geho

"Seelenbraeutigam" - Manz

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your

enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Response at the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bartlett

Sermon

Pastor Bartlett

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

ELW 624

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Postlude in C" - Bach

Thank you to Cindy Geho for being our organist today, to Rev. Paul Bartlett for serving as supply pastor, to Sandy Schantz for serving as lector, and to Alice Mudge (Holy Spirit, Emmaus) for filming, producing, and uploading the worship video.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Food Cupboard is our newest outreach ministry — giving out non-perishable food items on the last Friday of each month. Distribution will take place at tables under a tent in the Grace Lutheran rear parking lot, where people can come and select the food they need. Our next Grace Food Cupboard distribution will be **Friday July 31 from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm**. If you can help at that time, please sign up for a volunteer slot: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044baaab28a0f49-food>

Other ways you may contribute to this newest outreach endeavor:

1) Donate canned and dry non-perishable foods - drop off at the church office any time between 10 am – 1 pm Monday thru Friday. PLEASE, NO OUTDATED FOOD!

2) Help organize and put away the food that is donated.

We are blessed with so many volunteers and supporters in our congregation. Thank you so much!!!

Grace Free Community Meal The next Free Community Meal will be **Friday August 14, from 5 to 7 pm**, as a drive-up or walk-up meal. August's menu will be hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, chips and a pudding cup. We are asking for volunteers to cook and pack up individual meals, and to help distribute the meals. Please sign up for one or more volunteer slots at the link below, and thanks for your support!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BAAAB28A0F49-free>

Upper Room Devotionals for July/August are still available while supplies last. If you would like one, please call the church office. We can arrange for you to stop by and pick one up or, if you prefer, you can request one be mailed to you. We can always use the encouragement found in the scriptures, in good times and bad.

Sunday School Update In a continuing effort to keep all of us safe from Covid-19, our leadership has decided that it would be best NOT to open Sunday School in September. We will monitor the situation as it unfolds and determine a time when it will be safe to bring our children and teachers back for class. Until we come back, please take care and stay safe as you enjoy the rest of your summer.

Gracious Seniors Update Sorry Seniors, but our August Gracious Seniors Luncheon and program scheduled for August 19 will be canceled. I have contacted the speaker Rev. Tom Kochenderfer and asked him if we can reschedule his impersonation of Rev. Henry Muhlenberg, the first Lutheran Pastor in America, for August 18, 2021. As they say, "All good things take time."

If you are hospitalized ... Please have a family member call Pastor Samantha or the church office to let us know the hospital where you were admitted, and the room number. If you have an operation or other procedure scheduled ahead of time, let us know prior to your stay. Although we call daily to check for names under Grace Lutheran's hospital code (237), the best way for us to find out so Pastor can visit you is to let us know directly.

LINKS

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GraceMacungie/

YouTube: youtube.com/c/GraceLutheranChurchMacungiePA

Web: www.gracemacungie.org

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701