



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**  
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,  
Tuesdays at 12:10pm**



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**Our Mission:** "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

**Vision Statement:** At Grace, we strive to Guide and nurture all individuals to be Resilient, Accepting Children of God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word.

**Welcome to Worship:** We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

**Communion Instruction:** Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. ***Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.*** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

**Offering:** Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

**Hearing Assistance Available:** This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

**Nursery Available:** We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

(♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

**PRELUDE** (Saved by Grace Band ) (SBG Band) Bart Millard, Ben Glover, Crystal Lewis, David Garcia and Tim Timmons, “Even If” (2017; arr. by Dan Galbraith)

Vs. 1            They say sometimes you win some,  
                     Sometimes you lose some.  
                     And right now, right now I'm losing bad.  
                     I've stood on this stage night after night,  
                     Reminding the broken It'll be alright.  
                     But right now, oh right now, I just can't.

Pre-Chorus    It's easy to sing when there's nothing to bring me down.  
                     But what will I say when I'm held to the flame like I am right now?

Chorus           I know You're able and I know you can  
                     Save through the fire with Your mighty hand.  
                     But even if You don't, my hope is You alone.

Vs. 2            They say it only takes a little faith to move a mountain.  
                     Well, good thing a little faith is all I have right now.

Pre-Chorus    But God, when You choose to leave mountains unmovable,  
                     Oh, give me the strength to be able to sing it is well with my soul.

Post-Chorus   I know the sorrow and I know the hurt  
                     Would all go away if You just say the word.  
                     But even if You don't, my hope is You alone.

Bridge           You've been faithful, You've been good all of my days  
                     Jesus, I will cling to You, come what may.

Tag              It is well with my soul.  
                     It is well, it is well with my soul.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** (Saved by Grace Band): David Crowder and Ed Cash, “I Am” (2014)

Vs. 1            There's no space that His love can't reach.  
                     There's no place where we can't find peace.  
                     There's no end to amazing grace.  
                     Take me in, with Your arms spread wide;  
                     Take me in like an orphan child.  
                     Never let go, never leave my side.

Chorus I am holding on to You.  
I am holding on to You.  
In the middle of the storm,  
I am holding on, I am.

Vs. 2 Love like this, O my God to find.  
I am overwhelmed with a joy divine.  
Love like this sets our hearts on fire.

Bridge This is my resurrection song,  
This is my hallelujah come,  
This is why it's to You I run.

◆ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Please stand*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin....Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

◆ **GREETING** (*Please stand*)

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

◆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Please stand*)

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) Almighty and ever-living God....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

## FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

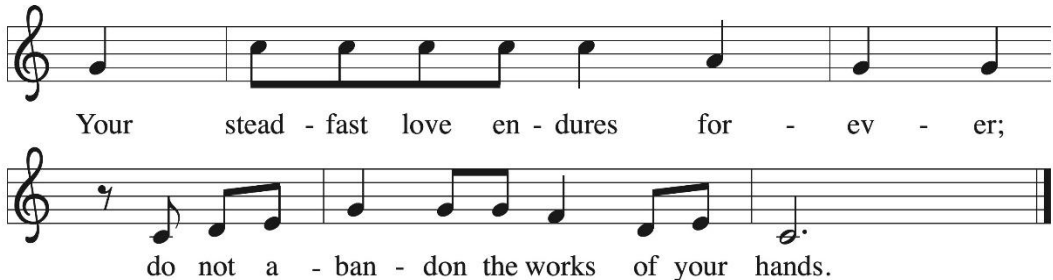
<sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM Psalm 138

### Refrain:



L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. R**

L: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

L: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

**C: The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar. R**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**C: You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R**

## SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

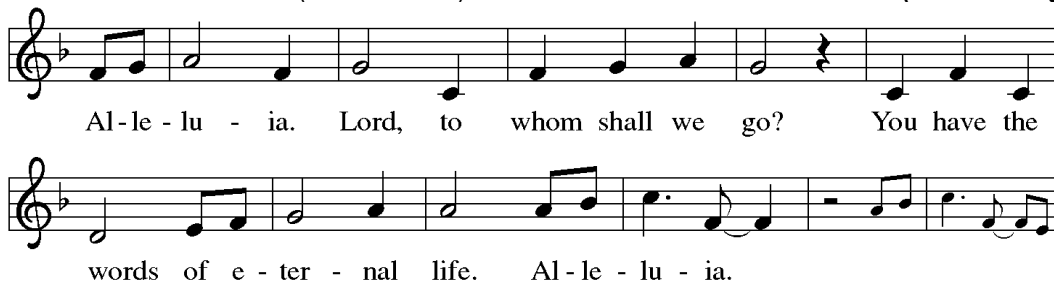
<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### ♦ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

(ELW Setting 8)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



# ◆ **GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13**

P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (*The gospel is announced*)

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

♦ HYMN OF THE DAY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

(ELW 742)



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: .... God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness....in the name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

♦ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*Please stand*)

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 right, our duty...join their unending hymn: ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** (ELW Setting 8)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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





P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.....the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection.... Grace our table with your presence. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us .... justice, peace, and love. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

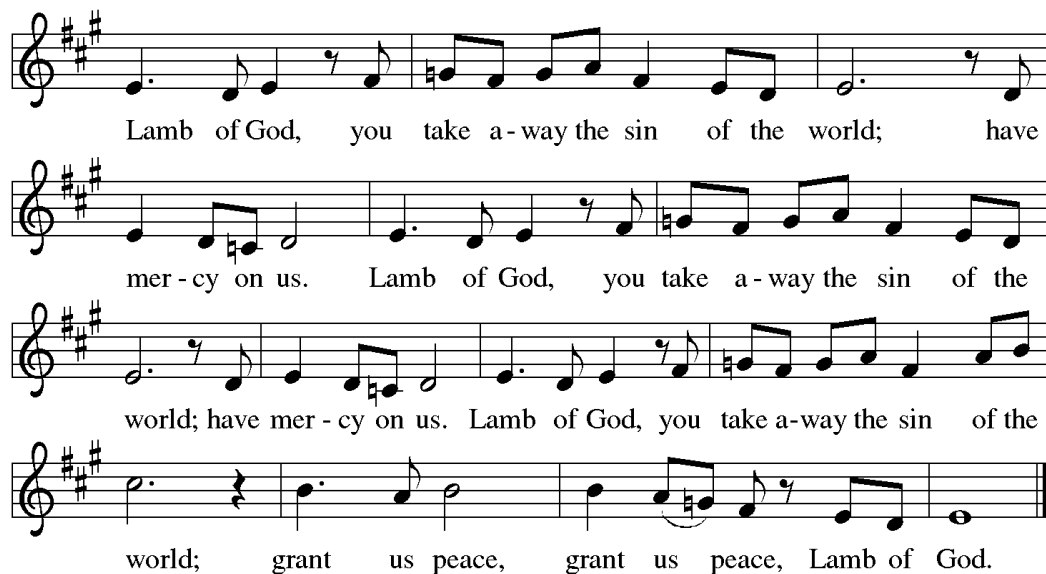
P: With your holy ones .... now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### ◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.**

### COMMUNION SONG

(ELW Setting 8)



**COMMUNION SONG** (Saved by Grace Band): Anthony Brown and Pat Barret, “Good, Good Father” (2014)

Vs. 1 Oh, I’ve heard a thousand stories of what they think You’re like.  
But I’ve heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
And You tell me that You’re pleased and that I’m never alone.

Chorus You’re a good, good Father, it’s who You are,  
It’s who You are, it’s who You are.  
And I’m loved by You, it’s who I am,  
It’s who I am, it’s who I am.

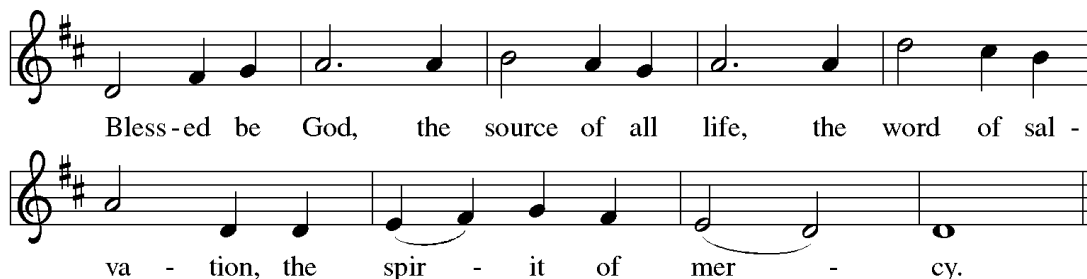
Vs. 2 Oh and I’ve seen many searching for answers far and wide.  
But I’ve known that we’re all searching for answers only You provide.  
‘Cause You know just what we need before we say a word.

Bridge Because You are perfect in all of Your ways,  
You are perfect in all of Your ways,  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Vs. 3 Oh, this love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think.  
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION** *Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life*

(ELW 210)



**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: God of abundance... Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

◆ **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

♦ **SENDING SONG** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

(ELW 543)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

♦ **DISMISSAL** *(Please stand)*

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** (Saved by Grace Band) Davd Crowder and Ed Cash, "Glory, Glory" (2021; arr. by Dan Galbraith)

Vs. 1 Glory, glory! I've been singing since I laid my burden down. (2x)

Chorus I'm singing Hallelujah! God is able. Hallelujah! God is faithful.  
 Hallelujah! Lord, I'm gonna sing.

Vs. 2 I feel better, so much better since I laid my burden down.  
 I feel better, so much better since I laid, oh Lord, I laid my burden down.

Bridge As long as I'm alive there's gonna be praising. (2x)  
 One thing that I know Oh deep down in my soul,  
 Oh as long as I'm alive I'm gonna sing.

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### **Music Notes:**

The Saved by Grace Band leads today's worship music. The **Prelude** is from MercyMe's album "Lifer." One of the songwriters, Bart Millard, said, "Even If" is a reminder to people in difficult situations that don't seem to go away. God is worthy long before any of those circumstances even showed up. This song is a declaration to God that even if He went silent and never said another word, He's still worthy to be praised and that He's our greatest hope in the midst of the trial. My son, Sam, is 15 years old, and he's been a diabetic since he was 2. When you're a parent of a child with any kind of chronic illness, these things don't go away. You have a lot of good days, but some days you feel like you're losing bad. I was in the midst of one of those bad days when 'Even If' was written." As the **Last Prelude**, the Band presents "I Am," the debut single from David Crowder's debut album, *Neon Steeple*, released in 2013. Crowder is a "folktronica" musician, meaning that he fuses folk music with electronic elements, including samples and hip-hop dance rhythms. The song rose to No. 3 on the Christian Songs chart. As the **Distribution Song**, the Band presents a song recorded by Christ Tomlin as the title track for his 2014 album. It's a bit of an "ear worm" that will be going through your head at least for the rest of the day – and maybe longer! The **Postlude** is an American spiritual song recorded by many artists in a variety of genres (including on the Crowder album, "Milk and Honey"). The version we hear this morning is the version by Crowder but played more in the style of Mississippi John Hurt. Other famous covers include Dr. John, Ike & Tina Turner, Roy Acuff, and The Byrds.

The **Hymn of the Day** was written by Joseph Scriven (1819-1886) in 1855, likely as a source of comfort for his sick mother. Scriven was born in Ireland. Poor health precluded pursuing a military career like his father's. He emigrated to Canada in 1844. The composer of the tune, Charles Converse (1832-1918), was born in Massachusetts and studied law, philosophy, music theory and composition in Leipzig where he got to know composers Franz Liszt and Louis Spohr. After graduating from Albany Law School (down the street from where Mr. Dearing had lived after college), he worked as a lawyer, as the head of the Burdette Organ Company, and as a composer.

Next week: Piano and organ duets with Pam Johnson on piano.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>This Sunday Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Next Sunday Worship Leaders</u>
<b>Greeter:</b> TBD	<b>Greeter:</b> TBD
<b>Reader:</b> Dawn Omernik	<b>Reader:</b> Izzy Koppa
<b>Wine:</b> Pam Johnson, JoAnn Holdmann	<b>Wine:</b> JoAnn Holdmann, TBD
<b>Usher:</b> TBD	<b>Usher:</b> TBD
<b>Comm. Set Up:</b> JoAnn Holdmann	<b>Comm. Set Up:</b> TBD
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Kim Nagel, Janie Robbins, Stacy Rauen	<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Gieschens

### This week at Grace

- Sun 7/27 8:15am SBG Band Warms Up  
9:00am Worship – SBG Band Leads Worship Music  
10:15am WAM Team Meeting
- Tue 7/29 11am Violin Lessons  
12:10pm Devotional Worship
- Wed 7/30 7pm PPP ~ *The Revelation of John or What is heaven?*
- Sun 8/3 8am Pam/Organ Duets Warmup  
9:00am Worship – Piano/Organ Duets during worship  
10:15am Community Life Team Meeting

**Grace's Welcome Statement:** Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

**WAM Team Meeting:** Please note that the WAM team meeting is this morning following worship.

**Grace Membership:** We will be receiving new members in August. If you are interested in becoming a member, please turn in your forms by August 3.

**Family Assistance Need:** We received some information this week that there is a family in need in our community. They have been having some difficulties with housing and are in need of some support. If you would like to contribute to this cause, we have placed a giving tile on our giving page on the web site (<https://www.grace53092.org>). You can also use the QR code on your bulletin for this need and others. If you are not able to give in that way, please place a special gift in the offering plate and mark it “family assistance donation”. Thank you for your help.

**Ice Cream Social:** The Ice Cream Social will be on August 6, from 6-8pm, so mark your calendars! This year you can enjoy your cool treats while listening to the music of *New Revue Duo*.

**Update on August Outdoor Worship Service:** On **August 10** we will be having our outdoor worship service followed by a potluck lunch. Details for August 10 worship:

**9am Devotional service** ~ there will be a 15-minute devotional service, much like the Tuesday service, for those that don't want to or can't attend the outdoor worship.

**10am - Outdoor worship** with music and communion will take place on the lawn. Chairs will be provided.

**Potluck lunch** following the 10am service. There is a potluck signup sheet on the welcome desk. In the event of inclement weather, the 10am worship and lunch will be moved inside.



**Outreach For Hope:** Outreach for Hope supports Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations and ministries serving low-income urban areas through grants, supply drives, and partnerships with suburban churches. The OFH 2025 Family Ride Run Walk fundraiser will be on September 27. If you are interested in participating, or just want to make a donation, you may do so at [OFHRRW.org](http://OFHRRW.org). Registration is free, but donations are encouraged and go toward the overall event goal of raising \$165,000.

**Worship Volunteers:** **Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers!** There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed:** We're looking for friendly faces to help with coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. It's an easy but important ministry towards hospitality. There is a great guideline to follow and support is provided!! Just set up coffee, bring a few treats, one always gluten free, and help create a warm, welcoming space for connection after worship. If interested, please sign up using one of the following options:

- Communication desk signup sheet
- Online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here
- Call the office and let Sandy know
- You can also reach out to: Mary Gieschen ~ 262-573-8317, Jen Bartz ~ 414-550-5231, Theresa Umhoefer ~ 262-227-8840



**We really need help during the summer months!**



**Guest House Sandwiches:** We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on **August 6 and 20.**

**Update to Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church):** Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



**“Lend a Hand” board.** This board contains small tasks that need to be done around the building from time to time. Perhaps you have some time on a rainy afternoon? Perhaps you are waiting for a loved one to get out of a meeting? Perhaps you're bored and want to do an act of service? This board will help you find jobs around the church that help make this place looking great from day to day. Just take a task off the board if you plan on doing it and when the task is complete, place the card in the offering plate. This will help us to know things are done. Let us know if you see anything around the building that we can add to this list and have a great time keeping Grace clean and in good shape.

**Mutual Ministry Team Members:** Below are the current Mutual Ministry Team members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Dan Umhoefer	Theresa Umhoefer
Matt Junker	Pam Stockbridge

**2025 Council:** Below are the 2025 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Ryan Bernard (President): 920-418-5235 Janie Robbins (VP): 262-646-4628 Kevin Sibley (Treasurer): 262-302-8182 JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary): 262-290-1609	Diana Koppa: 414-254-9983 David Rockwood: 262-389-4045 Geri Schesel: 262-227-9251
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**Pastor's Patio Ponderings:** Pastor's Patio Ponderings is our summer educational opportunity at Grace Lutheran. It is a one night/one topic discussion that happens on the pastor's patio. If there is inclement weather, we will meet in the gathering area at the church. Please bring a lawn chair and be prepared for some interesting discussion.

- **July 30 @ 7pm** - The Revelation of John or What is heaven? - The Revelation of John (the final book of the Bible) gives us some amazing views of heaven. Is this what we can expect? What about all those people who 'went to heaven' and came back?
- **August 13 @ 6:30pm** - Confirmation Class Questions - Each week we ask our confirmation students to do sermon notes. On these sheets they can ask questions about the worship or the scriptures. These questions have been so thought provoking we wanted to share them with the rest of the congregation. Come hear what the younger members of our congregation ask, and bring some of your own questions as well.

**Celebrations this week:**

**Birthdays this week:** Marilyn DeMore – 7/28, Elwood Stoker - 7/28, Belle Wendling - 7/28, Sarah Wendling - 7/28, Parker Krogstad – 7/31, Dan Umhoefer – 8/2

**Anniversaries:** Gerald and Kim Lohr - 7/31, Geri Schesel & Ken Thompson – 7/31

**Prayers:** **Chevelle** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Lana** (Janie Robbins's cousin), **Andy** Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker) **Liane** Callow (Pr. Bill's Sister), **Debbie** (friend of Dawn Omernik), **Rick** Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle), **Drew** Liegeios, **John** Haut (friend of Matt Junker), **Warren** Hamby (Michelle Hogan's dad), **Roman**, **Jerry** Karthaus.