



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



CHURCH STAFF

Bill Beyer – Pastor (C: 262-674-4714)
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Shonda Schaff - Nursery Attendant
Kathryn Koppa - Sunday School Coordinator

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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.

PRELUDE (Piano-Organ Duet; Pam Johnson - Piano): from Gayden Sikes (arr.), *Wonderful Peace* (2002)

1. Peace
2. In Remembrance

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Piano-Organ Duet; Pam Johnson - Piano): Gayden Sikes (arr.), "Wayfaring Stranger" from *Wonderful Peace* (2002)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

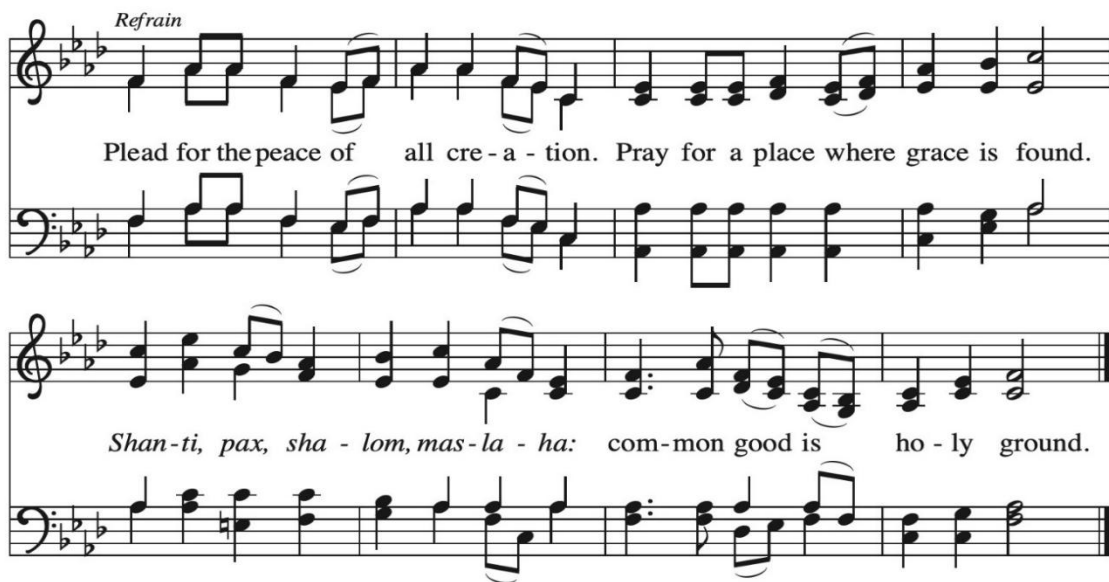
P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Commonwealth Is God's Commandment* (ACS 1036)

1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,

Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and stran-gers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) God of all peoples.....our Savior and Lord.

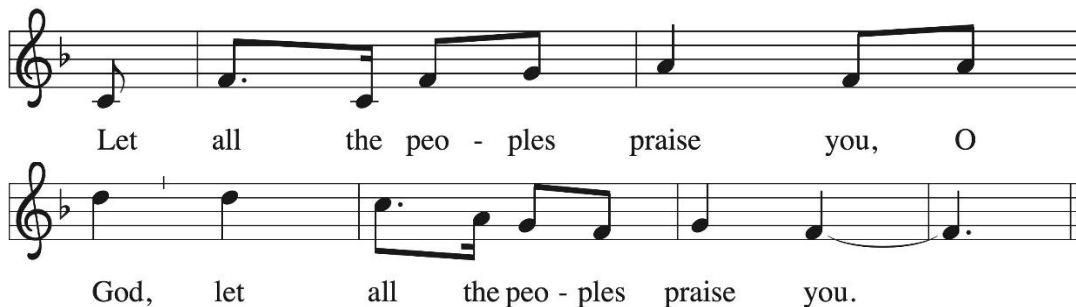
C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

PSALM Psalm 67



L: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth. R

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

L: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10)





GOSPEL Matthew 15:10-28

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, chapter 15.

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

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

SERMON

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

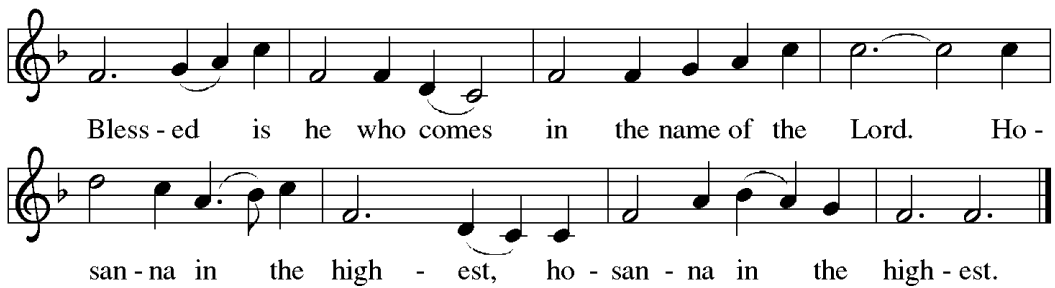
peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
 still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi-sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONP: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**P: Receive our prayers.....Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.****EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**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 10)**

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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



P: Holy God, you alone are holywith every breath. **C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness.....into the future. **C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son....with us now. **C: We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit.... without end. **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 10)



COMMUNION SONG *We Come to You for Healing, Lord***(ELW 617)**

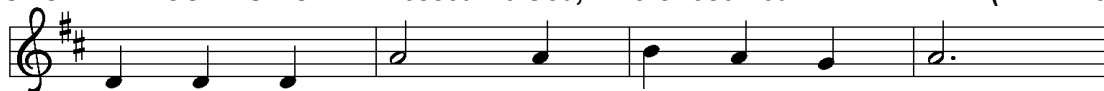
1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Blessed Be God, Who Chose You***(ELW 215)**

Bless - ed be God, who chose you in Christ.



Live in love as Christ loved us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, almighty God ...for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 *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.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (Piano-Organ Duet; Pam Johnson - Piano): Gayden Sikes (arr.), "I'll Fly Away" from *Wonderful Peace* (2002)

Music Notes:

The **Prelude**, **Last Prelude** and **Postlude** are organ and piano duets arranged by Gayden (Gaye) Sikes, an elementary music, organ and keyboard specialist with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and a freelance composer and arranger. Of this music, she writes “My prayer is that these simple tunes, both old and new, will bring others closer to our Lord and Savior.” Please take a moment after worship to thank Pam Johnson for playing piano today for these arrangements.

Both the text and tune of the **Hymn of the Day** were written by Marty Haugen while he and his family were residing in the Holden Village retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. It was a response to the January 28, 1986 Challenger disaster. Haugen is a thoughtful and prolific composer of congregational music for the liturgy and hymns of the church. His music is widely used in both Roman Catholic and Lutheran congregations.

Next week: Saved by Grace Band and Vocalists warm up at 8:15am and lead the music for 9:00am worship.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: Bobby Koppa, Kim Nagel

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: Bev Leidel

Greeter: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Reader: Pam Johnson

Wine: JoAnn Holdmann, Linda Finnigan

Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann

Greeter: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: JoAnn Holdmann

This week at Grace

Sun 8/16 8:15am Organ/Piano Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Organ/Piano Duets for worship

10:15am WAM Team Meeting

Mon 8/17 Office Closed

Tue 8/18 Office Closed

12:10pm Devotional Service – **Cancelled**

4:30pm Scout Event in Fellowship Hall

Wed 8/19 Office Closed

9am Guest House Sandwiches

6:30pm Saved by Grace Vocalists Only Rehearsal

FIRST REHEARSAL OF 2026-27 Program Year

Thu 8/20 Office Closed

Fri 8/21 Office Closed

Sat 8/22 9am Saved by Grace Band Practice

FIRST REHEARSAL OF 2026-27 Program Year

Sun 8/23 8:15am Saved by Grace Band Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Saved by Grace Band leads music for worship

10:15am Blood Pressure Clinic

Office Hours The Week: Please note that the office will be closed this week, August 17 – 21.

Sandy will be out of town and Pastor Bill is taking time away from the office, but will be available for emergencies (262-674-4714).

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.

Bible Study: Thursday Bible Study will start up again on Thursday September 10th at noon, with the same format as in the past. Plan on meeting in the Luther Room.

If you have any questions or comments, please see Dan Driewer or Skip Blick.



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 19**.

Synod RIC Pride Worship: The Milwaukee Synod RIC Ministry Team's "Celebrating Our Diversity as God's Children" 2026 Pride worship service will be at 6pm on Thursday, October 8th, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S Layton Blvd (aka S 27th St), Milwaukee. If anyone is interest in singing in the Pride worship service choir, please email Chuck Ellingson at chuckgmsric@gmail.com. Also, if anyone would like to attend the Pride worship service and provide baked goods, fruits, veggies, water, or anything else for the fellowship time following the Pride worship service, please email Chuck?

Prairie Palooza Car Show: Faith Lutheran Church in Cedarburg (N35 W6621 Wilson St.) is hosting a car show on August 16, from 2-7pm. This will include food, music, and a raffle. Registration fee is \$15.

For more information contact Alan Gresch at alanmgresch@gmail.com or 262-483-2507.

Carol and the Keynotes: St. John Lutheran Church in Grafton (1193 Lakefield Rd) is having a public dance, featuring *Carol and the Keynotes* on August 23, from 1-4pm. Free admission, with food and drinks for sale. Donations will benefit the Ozaukee Nonprofit Center Diaper Bank.

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information: 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:



SignUpGenius

- 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
- Theresa and Jen will also be reaching out by phone as well
- You can also reach out to: Jen Bartz ~ 414-550-5231, Theresa Umhoefer ~ 262-227-8840

Food/Item Donations: Please note that at this time we are only collecting items for Family Promise and the All Peoples Church Pantry. Below are the items needed for these organizations. The Mr. Bob's collection will return in the fall.

Family Promise Needs: The Ozaukee County shelter is currently in need of items listed below. If you would like to contribute, donations can be placed in the bin by the Luther room in the narthex.

Current needs: gas gift cards, full size mattress pads, toothpaste, 13-gallon garbage bags, Lysol disinfectant spray, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper.



Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins by Luther room. Items needed include: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli), Tuna, Tuna Helper, Spam, Canned Beef Stew, Baked Beans, Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, White rice (1lb bags or instant), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Hamburger Helper, Canned Greens (Collard, Mixed, Turnip, Mustard), Toothpaste, Deodorant.



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!



Prayers: Chevelle Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Andy** Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker), **Rick** Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle), **Jerry** Karthaus, **Judy** Schwartz (friend of Delaine Jacobs), **David** Rauth, **Tucker** Kucharski, **Judy** Hogan (Ken Hogan's mother), **Wendy** (friend of Geri Schesel), **Ron** (friend of Diane Omdahl), **Joyce** Winghart, **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** Luebke, **Karen** Krogstad (Courtney Krogstad's mother-in-law), **Javier** Rodriguez, **Madalynne** Baum, **Russ** Biancuzzo, **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Bryce**, **Antonio**.

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Cheryl Aschauer Baum - 8/17, Julie Nutter - 8/17, Elsbeth Bruhnke - 8/19, Madeline Shannon – 8/20, Alice Laukert – 8/21

Anniversaries: Ben Lindsay & Courtney Meyer - 8/20, Kevin & Heather Sibley - 8/21

