

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow..... ELW 893

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
- 2 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,
shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise
and join to raise a grateful song.
- 3 Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice, and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
and bow before the Crucified.
- 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, then may ev'ry land
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng, with joy to sing
to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843, alt.

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.**

Kyrie

Kyrie (from Now the Feast & Celebration)..... setting by Marty Haugen

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

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Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of the covenant,
in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Gospel Acclamation*

Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

Gospel Reading | Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So, they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus say..... ELW 611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Call to Offering

Generosity does not measure the resources we have. Rather, it notes the capacity we have to give from the abundance we have received and the trust we place in God's generosity to renew the gifts we bring. Let us give generously to meet the needs that confront our community and to demonstrate the power of our collective faithfulness.

Offering Music

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, **you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

The 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 God thanks and praise.

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.

Lord's Prayer

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 Hymn

Lamb of God setting by Marty Haugen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

This Is My Song ELW 887

- 1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

- 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

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Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Sparkhouse Magazines

Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage children and families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God. We currently deliver these to our LIFT families. If you have grandchildren or friends of your family that would enjoy a copy of this magazine, please feel free to pick one up.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Serving in Worship

Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
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Acolyte	NEEDED
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

Food Pantry Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, July 8

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, July 9

9:00am Quilters
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, July 10

9:00am Quilters
11:00am Tai Chi - FH
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer

Thursday, July 11

12:00pm Prayer Group
2:00pm Community Foundation Mtg
7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

Sunday, July 14

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, July 15

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club
6:30pm Deborah Circle

Tuesday, July 16

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, July 17

11:00am Tai Chi - FH
12:00pm Men's Lunch @ VanderVeer

Thursday, July 18

Pr. Stephanie Off

11:00am Council/Committee Reports Due
7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, July 19

Pr. Stephanie Off

Annie Off - Office Closed

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Looking Ahead

- **July 18-22** Pr. Stephanie Off
- **July 22-31** Pr. Kirsten Vacation
- **August 2** WELCA Ice Cream Social
- **August 11** Jazz Worship - Joint Svc at 9:30am
- **September 1** Joint Worship at 9:30am
- **September 2** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **September 14** Walk to End Alzheimer's
- **September 15** Block Party!
- **September 19** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **September 28** NAMI Walk
- **October 6** Crop Hunger Walk

WELCA Ice Cream Social | August 2

7:30pm | Veterans Memorial Park (1645 23rd Street, Bettendorf)

In the heat of summer, what could sound much better than an ice cream social accompanied by good music!? The Bettendorf Community Band will perform their favorite songs from this 56th season, and WELCA of Grace Lutheran in Davenport will be serving ice cream, pie, and cake with a good will offering appreciated. Come have a good time and support both WELCA and the Bettendorf Community Band.



Men's Lunch | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wednesday at Noon at Vander Veer Park! You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a local restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or boehmed@aol.com to be added to the email list.

Grief Support Group | July 3

In June, July, & August our Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart--our whole being to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Cheryl Kritsch facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update). Please contact Cheryl with any questions at 563-343-0135.

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Lutheran World Relief Kits Are Needed

Grace members have been generous givers to the LWR kits in the past and your assistance is requested again this year. Please check in the narthex for school bags to fill and supply lists for various LWR kits during July and August. The Grace quilters were given yards of fabric suitable for the construction of LWR School Kits. Thank you to the ladies who cut out and sewed the kit bags we are using this year.

The gifts you give are an immeasurable blessing to families around the world. A little girl is warmer because of a quilt sewn. A mother is happy because her children received school supplies and a bag to carry them. A father is learning a new skill that will provide income for his family because he's learning to sew using a Fabric Kit he received. A grand-mother has regained her dignity because she was able to bathe using the soap inside a Personal Care Kit. And a baby is sleeping soundly because he is swaddled in a soft blanket from a Baby Care Kit. Thank you for sharing your love with our neighbors in need and letting them know they are not alone. -From LWR Kit Guide

SEIA Synod Online Discernment Groups

Do you ever get a sense that God might be tapping you on the shoulder? Are you wondering what God is calling you to do with your life? Considering learning more about church leadership and pondering whether it might be for you? Have you ever thought about enrolling in seminary or even wondered what seminary study is like today? Starting July 1, you can join an online group with others across the ELCA who share your curiosity. Sign up by visiting elcaseminaries.org and filling out the contact form, or by emailing recruitment@elca.org.

Spiritual Retreat | August 2

Affirming the Wisdom Growing Within: A Spiritual Practice

Friday, August 2 | 9am-3pm | Cost: \$40

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center (2664~145th Ave, Wheatland)

This day-long retreat is a chance to reflect on God's wisdom and faithfulness and the various experiences you have discovered throughout your life. Develop a greater self-understanding and create a spiritual legacy and blessing to share with those you love. Led by Pr. Elaine Olson, a gifted worship leader, speaker, and spiritual director. Register online at chmiowa.org/retreat or call 563-374-1092.

