



# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 † 9:30am  
Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa  
Pastor Stephanie Wood

**Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!**

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

\*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

## Prelude

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* .....J. Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson

## Announcements

## Confession & Forgiveness\*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
**Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

# Opening Hymn\*

*In Christ There is No East or West* ..... ELW 650

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples, of the faith  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.; Music: African American Spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

# 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. You are great, O God, **and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, thought your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Children's Message

## Scripture Reading | Romans 7:15-25<sup>a</sup>

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So, I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Lord, you are good to all, and your  
compassion is over all your works.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your  
kingdom and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

**The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

## **Holy Gospel\* | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

"For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things

have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Song\***

*Valley*

## **Prayers of the People\***

Let us pray. Trusting in God’s steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Peace\***

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Call to Offering

God calls us to live fruitful and faithful lives that spread the good news and provides for our needs abundantly so that all may flourish. May we use the bounty that we receive as gifts to share, and let generosity, trust, and hope guide us to support the ministry of this faith community and the wider church.

*(You may place your offering in the offering plates by the door as you exit the sanctuary or by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin to give online.)*

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **Prayer After Communion\***

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Blessing\***

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Song\***

*All the People Say Amen*

## **Sending\***

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Interested in Joining Grace?** Please contact the church office 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.

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## Serving in Worship

<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b> .....	Pastor Stephanie Wood
<b>Director of Outreach &amp; Youth Minister</b> .....	Pastor Kirsten Lee
<b>Assisting Minister</b> .....	Deb Gustafson
<b>Communion Assistants</b> .....	Deb Gustafson, Russ Finkler, Janice Gibbs, Roe Edinger (basket)
<b>Communion Bread</b> .....	Carol Keller
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Janice Gibbs
<b>Greeters</b> .....	Sue & Jim Cruchelow
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Mike & Deb Kirby
<b>Sound System</b> .....	Russ Finkler
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Sundays & Seasons
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Mike Keller
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b> .....	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b> .....	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b> .....	Kathi Parrish
<b>Worship Tech &amp; Praise Band Leader</b> .....	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Coffee Hour</b> .....	

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