

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 19, 2022

10:00am

Welcome

Hymn Rise, Shine, You People #665

Apostolic 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.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast (Refrain & v.3-all; v. 1-women; v. 2-men)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Michelle Pride—Feed My People

Children’s Time (Noisy Offering for Feed My People)

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”
to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine’s flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
says the Lord;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, “Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,”
so I will do for my servants’ sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

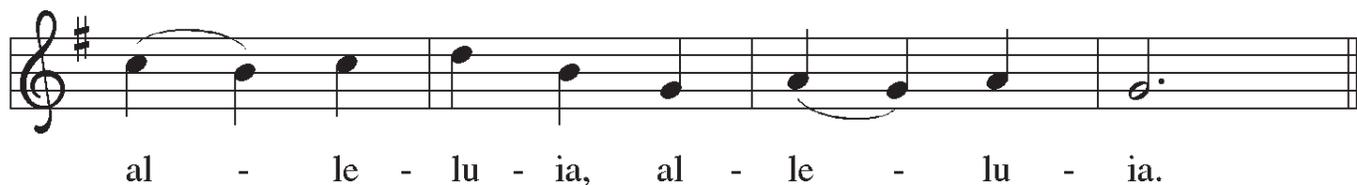
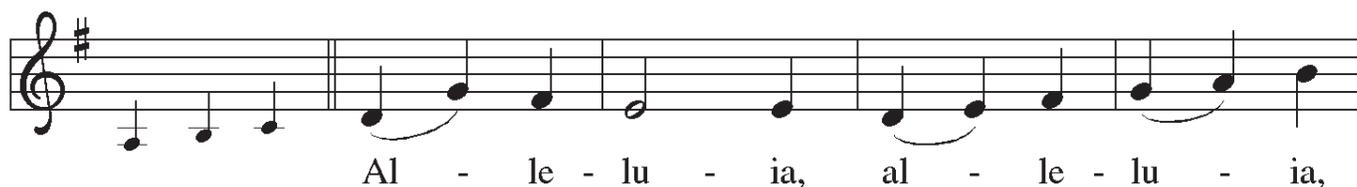
Second Reading: Galatians 3:23–29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

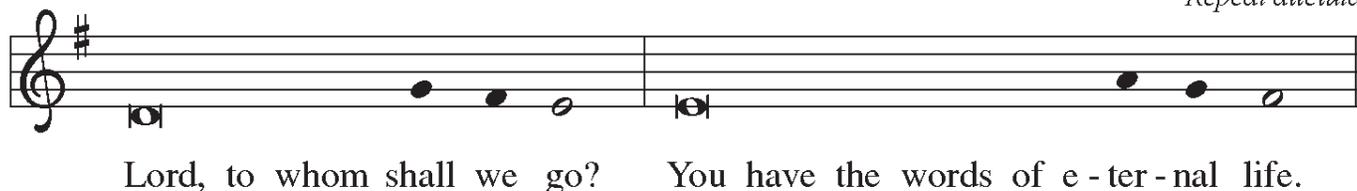
Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



Gospel: Luke 8:26–39

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn

Cast Out, O Christ



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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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 the Church

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

Amen.

Offering

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

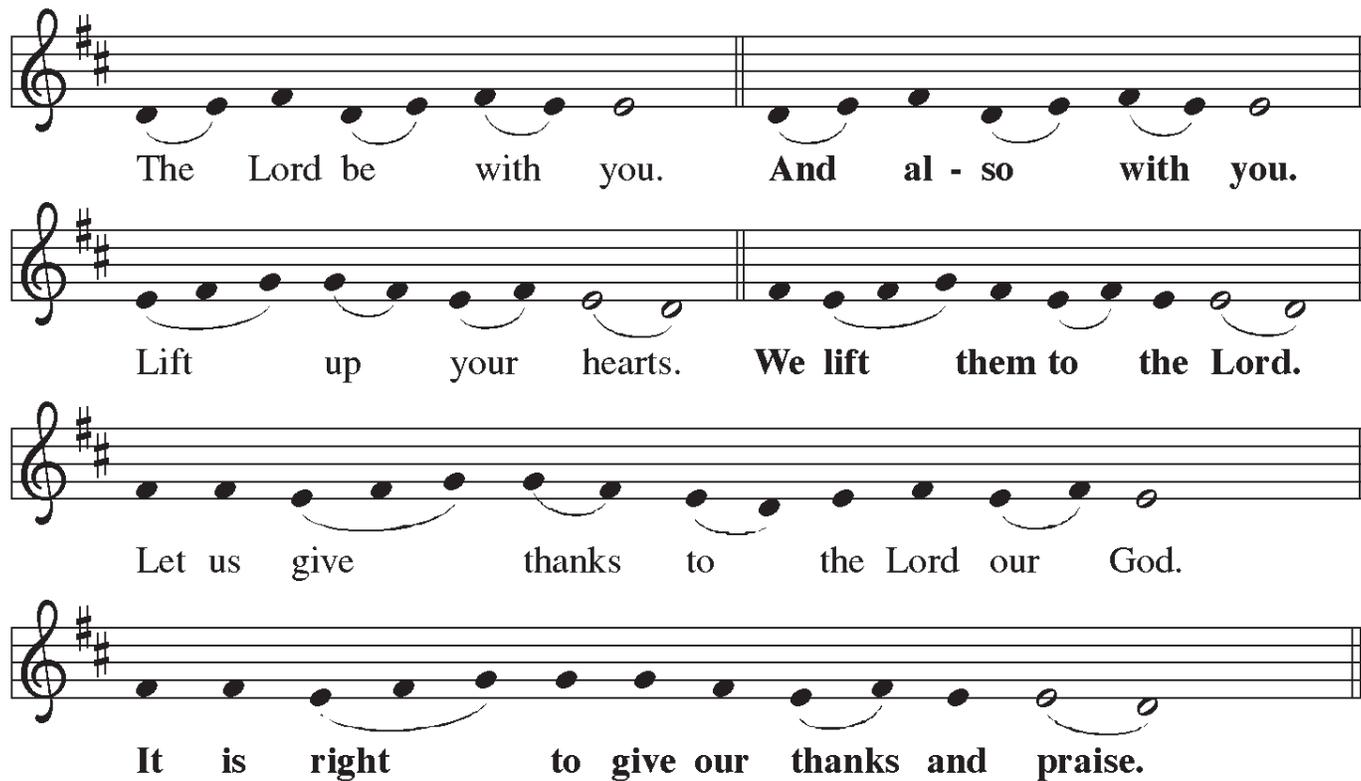
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

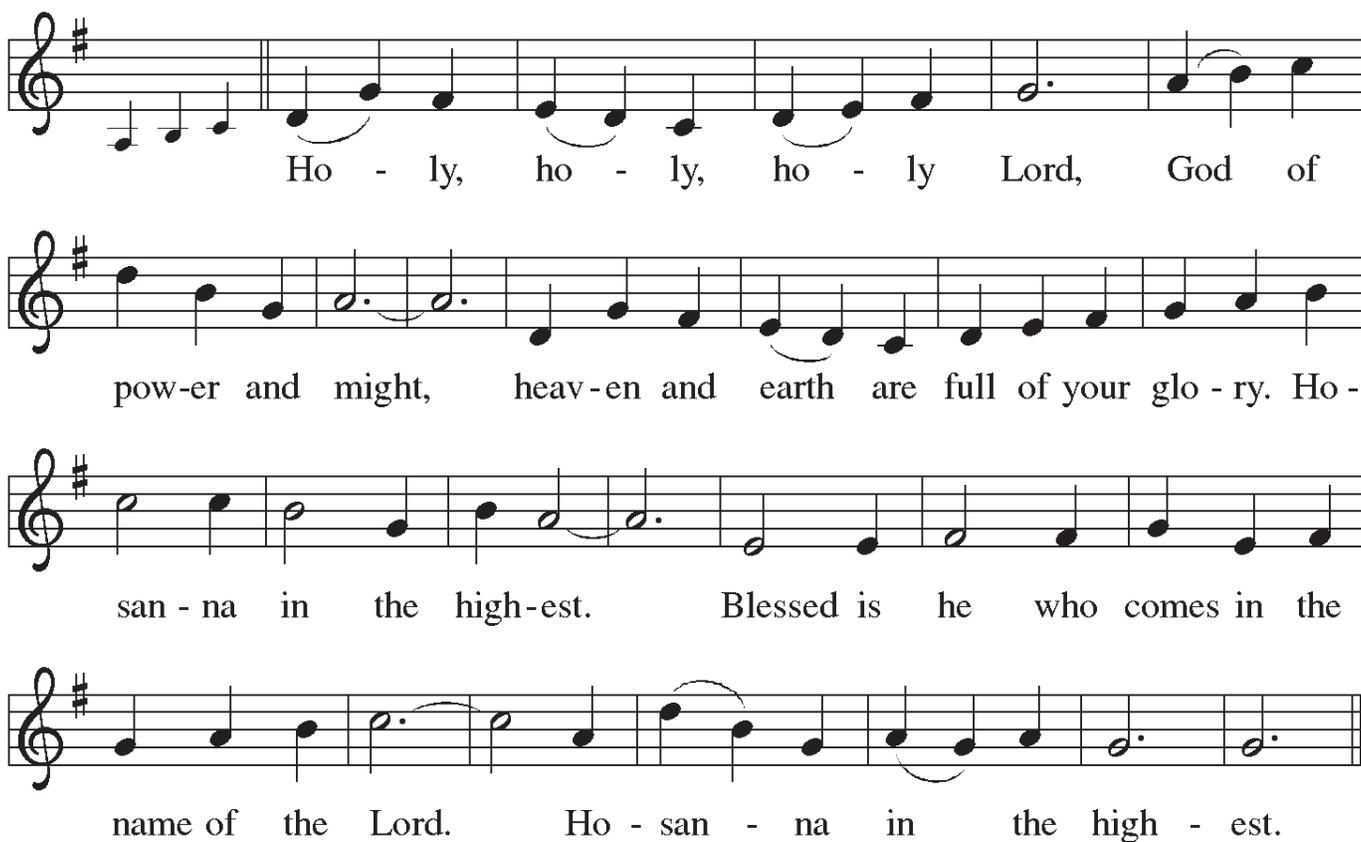
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



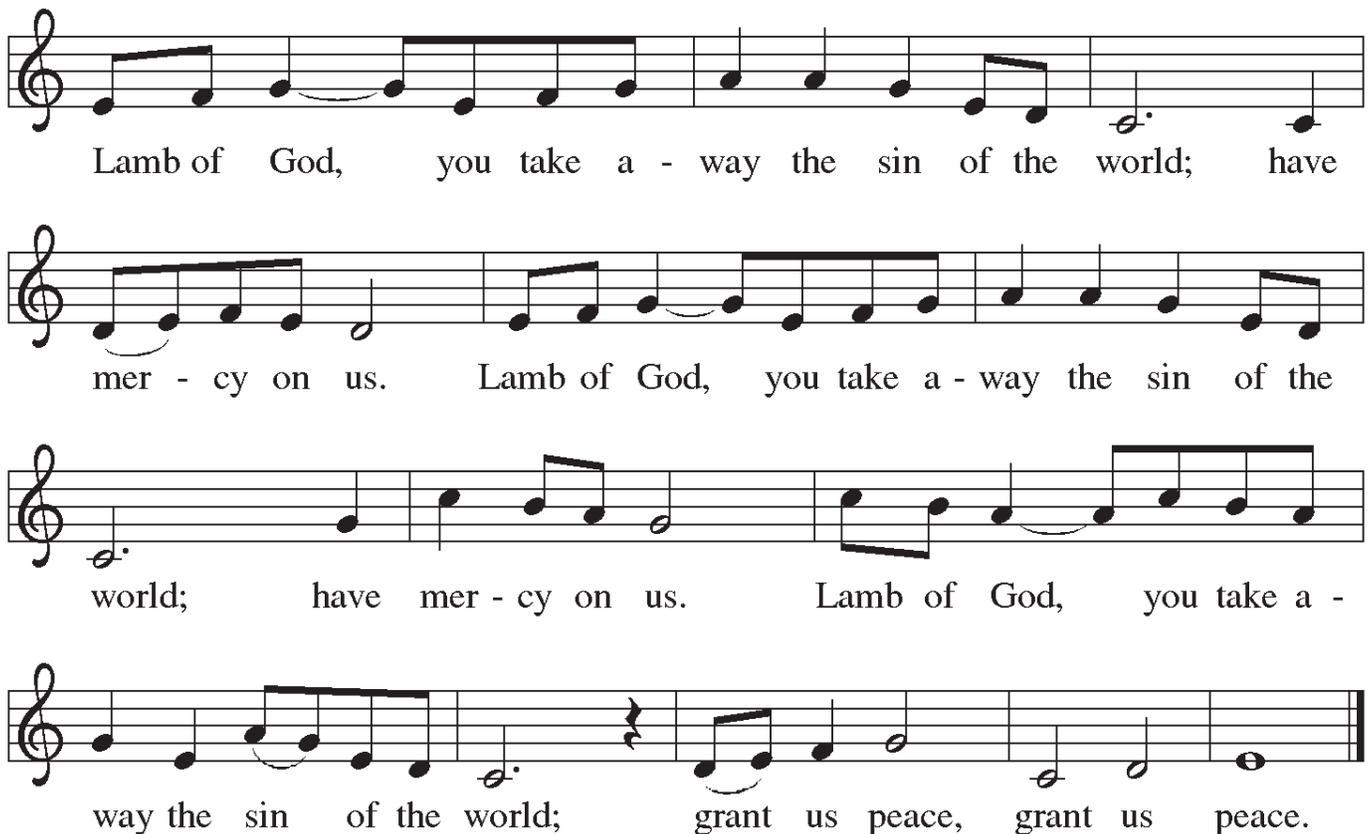
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic 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.

Communion



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Organ

Nettleton (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Craig Phillips

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #886

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Concerto in b minor: Allegro* Johann G. Walther

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Joyful Defiance

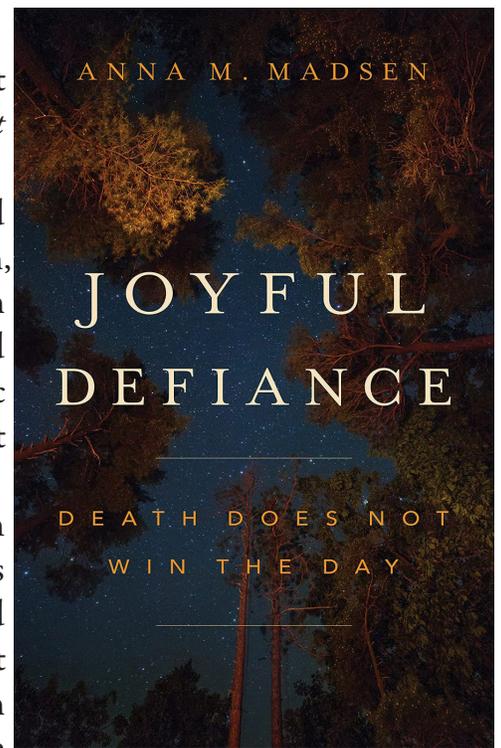
Daughter of Grace to converse about new book, *Joyful Defiance: Death Does Not Win the Day*.

AnnaMadsen attended Grace, (confirmed in 1984) when her father, George Madsen, was a pastor here. She is now a theologian who lives in Minnesota's north woods and has written a book processing the tragic death of her husband and the trauma that followed. The publisher says:

"The challenge is to acknowledge death in its manifold forms and own one's indignation and grief, and yet transcend it so that even if we are angry, we do not become anger. This book names the tension between grief and hope, acknowledges the reality of both, and defines a path forward to a life of joyful defiance. That path runs through Holy Saturday, a day that has one foot in the fear, grief, and death of Good Friday while the other is in Easter, a day of hope, freedom, life, and joy."

The Grace book club invites you to join us on Monday, July 18th at 2pm, either via Zoom or with Pastor Phil at Grace as he takes care of the technology for you.

The church office has placed the order for books, but if you would still like to the discussion, you can purchase copies on Amazon or through Dotters Books (715-829-0468) a local, independent bookseller.



Women's Bible Study — Save the Date

August 3, 1 p.m. at Spirit Lutheran (Wednesday)

All women are invited to discuss the studies found in the Gather magazines for May/June and July/August with Pastor Becca Holland.

More info to follow. Put it on your calendar.

Search for a new Choir Director

The committee to call a new choir director met this Thursday to refine the position description and begin the search.

The committee members are:

- Barb Piper (Personnel Committee and choir member)
- Elaine Mann (Director of Music Ministries)
- Jan Adams (Chair of Music and Worship Ministry, choir member)
- Jon Thorpe (member of Music and Worship Ministry, choir member)
- Wilma Hovland (Past occupant of this position, choir member)
- Phil Ruge-Jones (pastor)

Handbell Concert

SAVE THE DATE

Grace will host Strikepoint—a nationally-acclaimed handbell choir—on **Thursday, July 14th at 6:30pm**. Plan now to attend! More info next week.

Noisy Offering

Make a Joyful Noise! Let's make some noise on Sunday, June 19 with a Noisy Offering! The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Dollar bills will also be accepted, although they don't make as much noise when dropped into the collection cans!

This special offering goes to Feed My People to help those in need. From helping children through school food pantries and the Weekend Kids Meal Program to helping Seniors with resident food pantries, Feed My People helps people who struggle with food insecurities.



Make some noise and help our neighbors in need. Thank You!

Mission Focus Conversations

What is God's plan for the future ministry at Grace? Join us as we wonder, learn and explore how our changing world impacts the future of our ministry together. We will be asking questions, having conversations and listening to God in order to set a vision for our congregation's unfolding call.

- Wednesday, July 6 from 6 to 8pm in the Parlors
- Wednesday, August 17 from 6 to 8pm in the Parlors

Dreaming

Yesterday while visiting a member in her apartment, she gave me one of those Dove chocolates that have messages inside the wrapper. Mine said:

“Don't do all your dreaming when you are asleep!”

That is a good way to describe what we are doing in our process with Pastor Erin Nelson to have a clearer sense of how we serve God in this time and place.

At the heart of the process is listening and being attentive to those around us and what God may have to say through them. The eighteen of us present were given some options for homework to gather some of the direction we need for the next session:

We agreed to do Dwelling in the Word on Exodus 16 in the June 26th worship service, with the crafters, and I believe with the council. We listen to the passage with our spirits open to hear:

1. what words God pushes in our direction that really stand out for us
2. what new questions stir in us as we listen and
3. is there any direction that each of us hears from God for the process we are engaging in.

We also have questions with different kinds of people:

• Members of the congregation about when God has been especially present to them in their life and what the church had to do with that.

• Non-church going folks about where they see God moving in their life.

• Leaders in the community about the needs that they see in our area and the gifts people have which are in search of a place to use them.

Finally, we were invited to walk our neighborhood with another member and pay attention to what you notice and what that says about the place where Grace is located.

If you are interested in doing any of these tasks, Pastor Phil will coach you and give you a hand out. If you would like to hear what others have discovered, the next meeting is Wednesday, July 6th at 6pm in the Parlours.

I am excited about dreaming together about what Jesus is calling us to do in this time. The energy feels good and the more participating the merrier we will be!

Pastor Phil

Bulletin Cover Art

Bulletin Cover designers sought for the months ahead. Contact Andrew in the office to sign up.

- June 26 Luke 9:51–62 Following Jesus
- July 3 Luke 10: 1–11, 16–20 Seventy sent out by Jesus
- July 10 Luke 10:25–37 The Good Samaritan
- July 17 Luke 10:38–42 Mary and Martha
- July 24 Luke 11:1–13 The Lord's Prayer; Seek, Knock, Ask
- July 31 Luke 12:13–21 Parable of the Rich Fool

Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers were donated by John and Nancy Schaaf in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and thank you!

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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If you missed one of our services, you can find them on the “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page. If you would like to follow along with a bulletin they can be found on our website (<https://grace-church.org/>) under the “Our Ministry” section.

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Televised Service

Sunday 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Thursday 1:30pm Cable Channel 993 (ChipVal CTV Pub Ed)

Radio Service

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