

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*June 16, 2024*

*10:00am*

## Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

## GATHERING

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Praeludium, BuxWV 137</i>	<b>Dietrich Buxtehude</b>
<b>Opening Hymns</b>	<i>I Love to Tell (verses 1 &amp; 2)</i>	<b>#661</b>
	<i>Day by Day (verses 1 &amp; 3)</i>	<b>#790</b>
	<i>Lord of All Hopefulness (verses 1 &amp; 3)</i>	<b>#765</b>

## Apostolic Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

### Children's Message

#### The First Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 17

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**



**The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 4  
Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> And Jesus said, “God’s great transformation is like this: A man sows the seed in the ground, <sup>27</sup> then sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and lengthens, he doesn’t know how. <sup>28</sup> On its own, the ground produces fruit—first a stalk, then a head, then a ripe grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> And when the fruit delivers up its yield, he sends out the sickle because the harvest stands ready.”

<sup>30</sup> And he said, “To what shall we compare God’s great transformation? Or into what riddle should we put it? <sup>31</sup> It’s like a grain of the mustard weed, which when sown on the ground is smallest of all the seeds on the earth. <sup>32</sup> And when it is sown, it grows up and becomes the largest of all shrubberies and sends out large branches so that the birds of heaven are able to nest in its shade.” <sup>33</sup> and with many such riddles he was telling the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup> And he didn’t talk to them apart from riddles, but privately for his own disciples he would unravel everything.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**                      *Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones*

**Hymn of the Day** *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

*W&P #22*

**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**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## MEAL

### **Offering**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Aaron David Miller*

### **Offering Prayer**

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.**

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



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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

*Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Prayer After Communion**

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.**

SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn (see back page)**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Joy*

*C. Alexander Peloquin*

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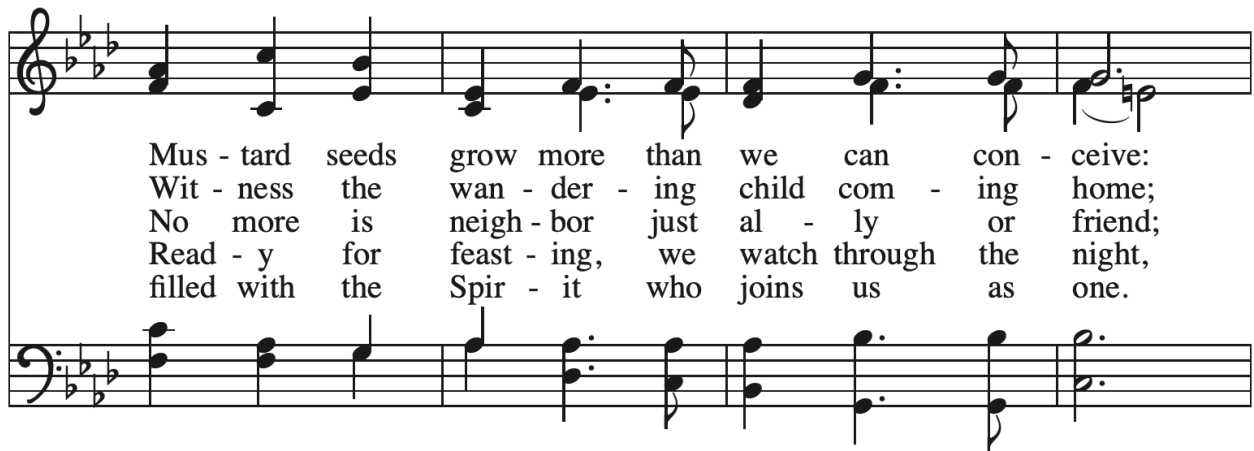
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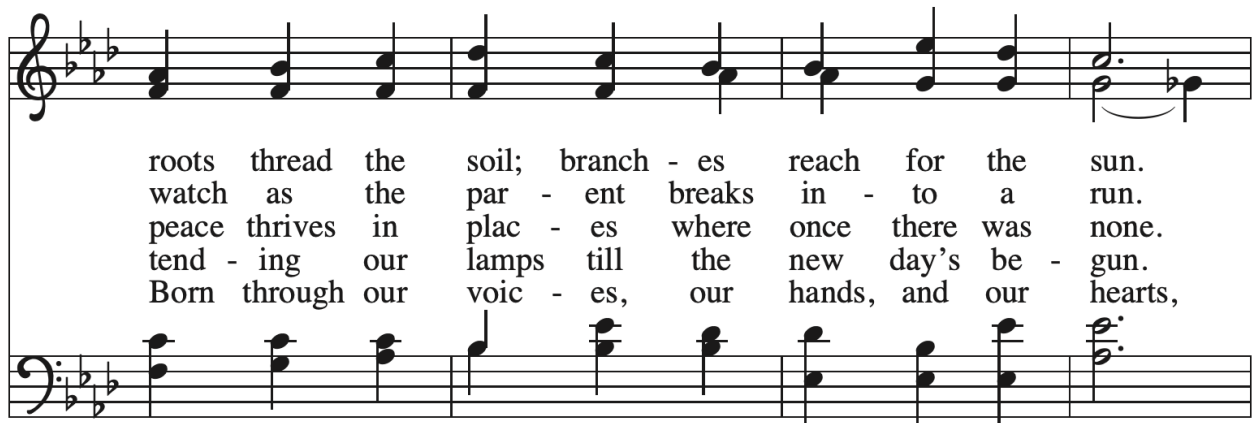
# What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
2 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
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5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.  
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
this is a new world where God's will is done.



# Weekly Calendar

## SUNDAY (16<sup>th</sup>)

*Father's Day*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am  
Worship – 10am  
Habitat Update Meeting – 11am

## MONDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

## TUESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am  
Prayer Group – 11am  
Church Council – 7pm

## WEDNESDAY

*Juneteenth*

Summer Camp – 6am  
Text Study – 12pm  
Crafters – 10am

## THURSDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

## FRIDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

## SUNDAY (23<sup>th</sup>)

*Father's Day*

Coffee Hour – 9:30am  
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Sunsational Summer Camp, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC, Theater Guild



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## Status of Habitat partnership

A brief informational meeting will be held immediately after worship on June 16th to discuss recent developments in the sale of the education wing to Habitat. An agreement has been reached which will go into effect if the new grant that Habitat is applying for is received. We know that Father's Day or other obligations might make it impossible to be there so the information will also be conveyed through other channels.

## Sojourner House Hot Breakfast

The Mission Outreach Ministry is coordinating a hot breakfast to be served on Monday, July 8th for our brothers and sisters staying at Sojourner House. We are looking for volunteers to make egg bake casseroles and to provide juice, bread, peanut butter and jelly. Here are the items that we need:

6 Egg Bake Casseroles: Recipes may be picked up at the Lighthouse in the Narthex. These are very simple recipes requiring few ingredients. Please make in a 9x13 disposable pan. Bake the casserole and cover with aluminum foil. The casseroles will be reheated by the staff.

- 6 Cartons of Orange Juice
- 8 Loaves of White Bread (Aldi's has great deals on bread)
- 3 Jars Peanut Butter (creamy only)
- 3 Jars Jelly

Please bring these items to the Church parlors before Sunday service July 7th.

Lets help our friends at Sojourner House start their day with a hot breakfast!

## Sunsational Summer Camp

This summer Grace will be hosting the Grace Lutheran Foundation's Sunsational Summer Camp program. Starting June 10th and running through the end of August, the summer camp program will hold most of their activities in the church parlors. The camp also includes field trips to local parks, swimming pools and education excursions to places like the Minnesota Zoo. If you are at church during the week, wave and say hello if you see them.



## Summer Concerts in the Park

The summer concert series of the Eau Claire Municipal Band has begun. They will perform free concerts every Monday evening at 7:30pm. Concerts are held at the Sarge Boyd Bandshell in Owen Park on the bank of the Chippewa River. Every concert features a wide selection of music from marches, classic pop and jazz standards and Broadway musical

medleys. The concert series runs through the end of July. See you in the park!

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org) or by calling the office at 715-832-9713