

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 30, 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

Prelude	Amazing Grace	Craig Phillips
Opening Hymns	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v 1 & 2)	#779
	Santo, Santo (sing in Spanish, then English)	#473
	Borning Cry	#732

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Good Experience Barb Eidahl, President of Grace Lutheran Church Council

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Lamentations, chapter 3

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

Anthem

Peace I Give to You

Craig Courtney

The Second Reading is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 8

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 5
Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed in the boat over to the other side, a huge crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²²And one of the synagogue leaders comes, Jairus by name. and sees Jesus, and falling at his feet ²³ pleads with him urgently saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come, lay hands on her so she might be restored and live.” ²⁴And Jesus went off with him, and a huge crowd was following him and crushing him.

²⁵And there was a woman having had a flowing of blood for over twelve years, ²⁶and having suffered many things under the care of many physicians and actually having spent everything she had and having not been helped at all but rather getting worse, ²⁷and hearing about Jesus, coming from behind in the crowd she touched his cloak, ²⁸‘cause she had been saying, “If I just touch his clothes I’ll be restored.” ²⁹And the source of her bleeding dried up, and she knew in her body that she had been healed of the affliction.

³⁰And aware in himself of the power that had gone out from him, Jesus turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You’re looking at the crowd crushing into you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²And Jesus kept looking around to see who had done this.

³³And the woman, frightened and trembling, having realized what had happened to her, came and fell before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, “Daughter, your courageous trust has restored you. Go off in peace and remain free of your affliction.” ³⁵While he still speaks, people come from the house of the synagogue leader, saying, “Your daughter has died. Why bother the ‘teacher’ any longer?” ³⁶But Jesus, overhearing the word spoken, says to the synagogue leader, “Don’t be afraid. Only trust courageously.” ³⁷And he didn’t let anyone follow along with him, except for Rock and James and John the brother of James.

³⁸And they come to the house of the synagogue leader, and Jesus sees a commotion with great weeping and wailing. ³⁹And entering he says to them, “Why are you making a commotion with great weeping and wailing? The little child didn’t die, but is sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they began to taunt him. And driving everyone out, he takes along the father of the little child and the mother and those with him, and he goes in where the little child was. ⁴¹And grasping the hand of the little child he says to her, “Talitha koum,” that is, “Little girl, I tell you, rise.” ⁴²And the little girl rose and began walking around, ‘cause she was twelve years old. And they were stunned with great astonishment.

⁴³And he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day Healer of Our Every Ill

#612

Prayers of the Church

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

... 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.

MEAL

Offering

Praise to the Lord

J. G. Walther

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing)

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. 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 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1–4)

#886

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord

Jan Bender

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Minister: Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Pete Lokken

Reader: Norma Lionberger

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

<u>SUNDAY (30th)</u> Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am	<u>TUESDAY</u> Summer Camp – 6am Prayer Group – 11am	<u>THURSDAY</u> <i>Independence Day</i> Summer Camp – 6am	<u>SUNDAY (7th)</u> Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am
<u>MONDAY</u> Summer Camp – 6am	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Summer Camp – 6am Crafters – 10am Text Study – 12pm	<u>FRIDAY</u> Summer Camp – 6am	
Other groups using the building this week: Sunsational Summer Camp, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC, Randall Park Neighborhood Association			

July 4th

In honor of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

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!

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: info@grace-church.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: pastorphil@grace-church.org

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 or by calling the office at 715-832-9713

We will have three opportunities for you to explore meaningful things that have happened in your life and the God-given gifts that made them possible.

On July 21 and August 18th we will meet after worship to 2:30pm with a lunch included. We will also have a Zoom option on Monday August 26th from 6 to 9pm. Choose one and sign up in the entrance of the church. During these sessions you will share four Good Experiences that show your “Dependable Strengths.” Dependable Strengths are skills you have used often, well, and throughout your life.

Definition of Good Experience

A Good Experience is something:

- You feel you did well.
- You enjoyed doing.
- You are proud of.

Elaborations:

- Something you did... means you actively made it happen.
- You feel you did it well... it is only your feeling that is important.
- Enjoyed doing... there are some things we do well, yet do not enjoy; only the things you enjoy are included here.

All three criteria should apply to each Good Experience

- A Good Experience can come from any time or place in your life’s journey. Review your whole life and all intersecting identities for possibilities.
- A Good Experience should be a specific, concrete event that describes a particular short story of your life; it has a beginning and an ending.
- A Good Experience is often a “small triumph” in your life that gives you a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment.

Examples of Good Experiences:

Gayle’s Goulash: Using youtube I taught myself to make a dish that was a childhood favorite of my friend’s for a birthday surprise.

Database: I designed and built a database that our organization uses to track member participation over time.

Spelling Bee: In 3rd grade, I studied hard, won the city spelling bee, and placed 2nd at state.

Hospice: I underwent training to do hospice accompaniment and have supported a dozen people and their families in the last weeks of life.

Buying Green Bean: When I bought my first car, I negotiated the price down by \$1000, and later managed to pay off the loan eight months early.

Smithy Stories: I wrote a book of family memories after interviewing and recording stories from my parents’ generation, self-published it, and gifted it to all who requested it.

Run and done: I ran every day for 6 months and competed in a half marathon finishing in the top 10% of my age division.

Comfortable again: I didn’t fit in my pants any longer and resolved to fit in my clothes in six months. I bought five pairs of pants with a larger waistline and instantly achieved my goal.