

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



October 6, 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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You, BWV 647

J. S. Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



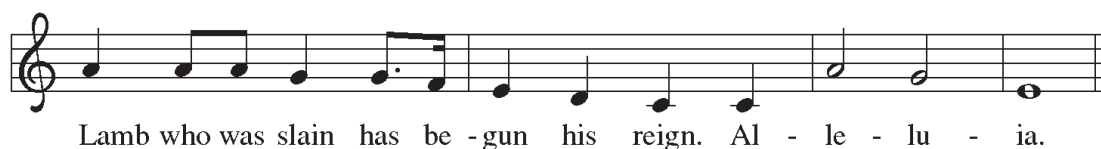
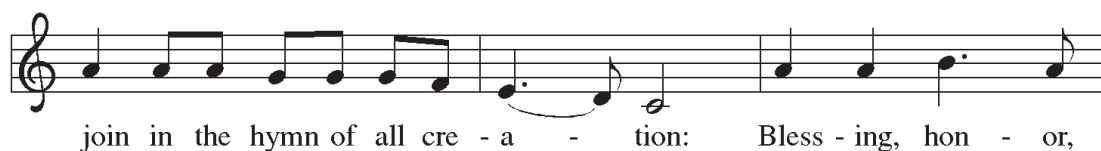
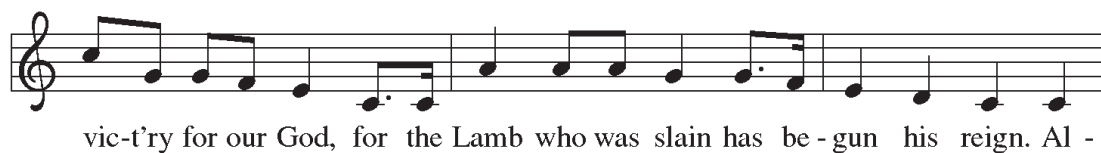
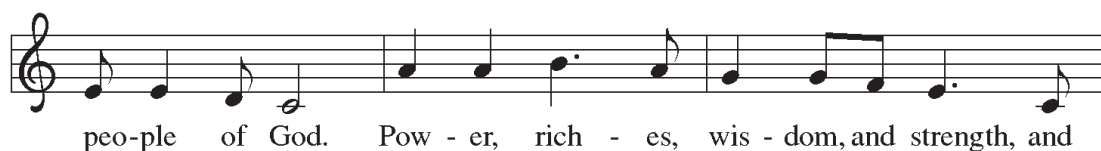
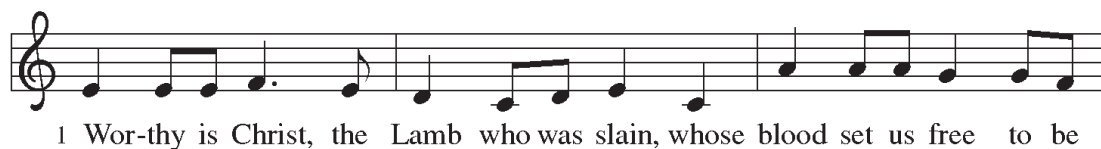
All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise This Is the Feast



Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

Family Choir Anthem *The Gift of Love*

arr. Hal Hopson

The First Reading is from Genesis, chapter 2

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Silent Devotion, May the Words of My Mouth* *Gershon Kingsley*

(In Hebrew) May the words of my mouth and the meditations of heart be acceptable unto Thee Oh, Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

The Second Reading is from Hebrews, chapter 1

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.
⁶But someone has testified somewhere,
“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

**The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 10 (Pastor Phil's translation)
Glory to you, O Lord.**

And rising from there, he goes into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And again crowds gather around him, and as was his custom, again he was teaching them. And Pharisees approached and asked him if it were permitted for a husband to dismiss his wife, testing him. He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed him to write up a notice of divorce and dismiss her." Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardened hearts he wrote this commandment for you, but from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother, and be yoked to his wife, and the two will become one, so that they are no longer two but one flesh. So, what God has yoked together, no human is to separate." And in the house again, his disciples were asking him about this. And he says to them, "Whoever dismisses his wife to marry another commits adultery against her. And if the woman having dismissed her husband marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing little children to him so he might bless them, but the disciples rebuked them. Now when Jesus saw it, he got angry and said to them, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, 'cause God's great transformation belongs to people like these. I tell you, this is the way it is, whoever doesn't receive the great transformation God brings like a little child definitely won't enter it." And putting his arms around them, laying his hands on them, he was blessing them all.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones*

Hymn of the Day *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

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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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, 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 and Prayers for Healing

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

The Taste of Song

Words by Margaret Ward Morland

Music by Stefani Zuchetto Pfaff

1. We are nourished by heav - en's man - na When we
2. Seeds of love bear fruit of ser - vice, Du - ty's
3. Ev - ery day His won - ders 'round us, Mir - a -

love the Lord life - long. With His bread He fills our
feast a sav - or strong. Joy - ful gift of self for
cles we live a - mong. Sure be - lief makes wine from

hun - ger, Christ the source from whom we've sprung. Then our
oth - ers Feeds our spir - it, feeds the throng. Then our
wa - ter, At His ta - ble we be - long. Then our

mou - ths are filled with laugh - ter, On our tongues the taste of song.
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Prayer After Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn Jesus Loves Me!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams

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Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Pete Lokken

Reader: Diana Cataldi

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi



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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (6th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

ADRC – Stepping On – 10am
Prayer Group – 11am
ADRC – Healthy Living with
Diabetes – 1pm
ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am
Text Study – 12pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

SUNDAY (13th)

Stewardship Sunday
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

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

Disaster Relief

Support for those impacted by Hurricane Helene may be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response (<https://give.elca.org/page/68904/donate/1>).

Blessing Box

Our endless summer is finally coming to an end and before we know it winter and everything that comes with it will be here. Our Blessing Box is open all year and we would like to keep it stocked especially in the cold winter months. Here are some of the items we need:

- cereal
- crackers
- soap
- hats
- packaged soup
- packaged noodles
- toothpaste
- hand warmers
- tuna pouches
- packaged potatoes
- scarves
- socks
- granola bars
- peanut butter
- gloves

As the weather turns colder, we will not be collecting any canned goods or liquid items that may freeze and explode.

You can drop off any donations outside the church office or at the Friendship Door. You are also always welcome to put any donations directly into the Blessing Box at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Friends at the Lake

Lake Street Methodist is starting a respite program for early stages of dementia. It will be on Tuesdays from 10 to 2pm with lunch included. Social activities will allow caregivers to have a break during the week. The program is accepting volunteers so that they can reach their goal of having one volunteer for every participant. If you would like to use “Friends at the Lake” for a family member, the program begins at the end of October. The contact at LSM is laurievb@lakestreetumc.org.

Stewardship Notice

Stewardship Sunday is coming up on October 13th. We begin with worship and then gather for a meal in the Parlors, which will include a tailgate party. It will be a good time for both football game spectators, and Grace ministry team participants!

Foot & Nail Clinic

The UW Foot & Nail Clinic will be returning to Grace in a couple of weeks. Their services are free and available to anyone. All they ask is that you schedule an appointment. They will begin taking appointments on Monday, October 7, at 8:30am. To schedule an appointment please call 715-836-3636.

FREE Foot and Nail Care Clinics — 2024

Clinic Dates		Registration begins
MON Oct. 21	1:30-5:30 p.m.	MON Oct. 7 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS Oct. 22-24	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	
FRI Oct. 25	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	

THE SERVICES ARE FREE. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.** 715-836-3636

Location: Grace Lutheran Church | 202 W. Grand Ave. | Eau Claire

Diabetic clients and individuals with difficult foot and nail care issues are encouraged to attend.

Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a certification program. The clinic will be supervised by a nurse practitioner certified in foot and nail care.

University of Wisconsin
Eau Claire

Continuing Education

For more information please visit: uwec.ly/footnail1

Sunday School

Sunday School starts this week. Check out the following schedule for the rest of the year.

- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15

Sunday school takes place right after the Children's Time during the service. See you there!

Small Catechism

Pastor Phil will lead a series on Martin Luther's Small Catechism every other week during the Fall called Getting To The Heart Of Faith. Each session will be 45 minutes long shortly after worship ends.

- Oct 6 The Ten Commandments
- Oct 20 The Apostles Creed
- Nov 10 The Lord's Prayer
- Nov 24 The Sacraments and Daily Life

Copies of the Small Catechism are available in the narthex.

Crafters' Corner

The Unique Boutique Sale is coming soon: November 9 — 8:30am to 2pm.

Now is the time to bring in your old treasures, knick-knacks, toys, puzzles, books, records, etc. Please price items and put them on the stage in the parlors. We have shelves available.

The crafters will also need help with baked goods. If you can, please bake ahead of time, mark your goods, and freeze them. We appreciate anything you can do.

Next week we will try to have pricing for baked goods and advertising fliers for distribution.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024
7:00 - 9:30PM

Community
SING!

**PLUS A
SATURDAY
MORNING
WORKSHOP**

**COME
ONE,
COME
ALL!**

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN,
1300 MANSFIELD ST.
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI**

Info: <https://bit.ly/mmc-Oct11sing>



Good Shepherd, Grace, Hope, Immanuel,
St. Johns, Trinity & University Lutheran Churches
present

An Afternoon of Art and Music

at

Grace Lutheran Church
202 W. Grand Ave, Eau Claire

Sunday, November 3, 2024

12:00 - 3:30pm - Art exhibit

2:00 - 3:00pm - Concert by choirs & handbells

Admission is free

Free will offering to support NW Synod of WI Lay School of Ministry



HALF-DAY COMMUNITY SINGING WORKSHOP

**Saturday
October 12
8:30 am-12 noon**

**Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
Chippewa Falls, WI**



Explore the riches of paperless singing and experience leadership practices and songs that build and strengthen community!

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