

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*October 13, 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

Praise to the Lord

Jan Bender, Gottfried Walther

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

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Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Amos, chapter 5

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Hebrews, chapter 4

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Where Your Treasure Is

Mary McDonald

Do not store treasures upon the earth where moth and rust destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where life and joy can be revealed.

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be. Where your heart is, there is God. And where there is God, there is love, there is peace. Where your treasure is, there is God.

When you put your faith in the Father, you will know the power of His Name. And where there is pow'r, there is hope; there is peace. Where your faith is, there is God.

You can have the faith to move a mountain. You can know the truth that sets men free. There's a peace that passes understanding, and life more abundant and more free.

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be. Where you heart is, there is God. And where there is God, there is love, there is peace, Where your treasure is, there is God!

Set your eyes on Heaven: Seek His love and truth. Share the treasure of Jesus; His Song of Life in you. Let your heart reflect the joy; the Gift from God above. There is faith and power in His Love!

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be. Where your heart is, there is God. And where there is God, there is love, there is peace. Where your treasure is; where you heart is; where your faith is, there is God! Where your treasure is, there is 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 Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷And as he was setting out on the way, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good teacher, what should I do to inherit life eternal?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: Don’t murder, don’t commit adultery, don’t steal, don’t testify falsely, don’t defraud, honor your father and mother.” ²⁰He said to Jesus, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him intensely, loved him and said to him, “You lack only one thing. Go sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you’ll have a fortune in heaven, and come follow me.” ²²But becoming dejected at this word he went away sad, ‘cause he had a lot of property.

²³And looking around, Jesus says to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have possessions to enter into God’s great transformation.” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. Jesus again answered and says to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter into God’s great transformation. ²⁵It’s easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a wealthy person to enter into God’s great transformation. ²⁶But they were completely stunned, saying among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Looking at them intensely, Jesus says, “For humans it’s impossible, but not for God, ‘cause everything is possible for God.”

²⁸Peter began saying to him, “Look, we left everything and have followed you!” ²⁹Jesus said, “I tell you, this is the way it is, there is no one who has left a house or brothers or sisters or a mother or a father or children or fields for me and for the good news ³⁰who doesn’t receive a hundred times as many now, in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields—with persecutions—and in the coming age life eternal. ³¹But many who are most important will be least and the least most important.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus

J. S. Bach

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:

Eucharistic Prayer



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.

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

mouths 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 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccatà on "Deo Gràtias"

Richard Keys Biggs

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Choir Director: Diana Cataldi



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

<p><u>SUNDAY (13th)</u> <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY</u> ADRC – Stepping On – 10am Prayer Group – 11am ADRC – Healthy Living with Diabetes – 1pm ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm Church Council – 7pm</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY</u> <i>Full Moon</i> ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm</p>
<p><u>MONDAY</u> <i>Indigenous Peoples’ Day</i> Elizabeth Circle – 10am</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> Crafters – 10am Text Study – 12pm Choir Rehearsal – 7pm</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY (20th)</u> Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am</p>
<p>Other groups using the building this week: ADRC, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild</p>		

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 10 a.m. On Monday, October 14th, in the Lounge at Grace. This is a morning filled with fun, fellowship, food and Bible study. All Women are invited. Questions may be sent to Barb Eidahl at 715-225-1556. Hope to see you there!

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cereal • crackers • soap • hats • packaged soup • packaged noodles • toothpaste • hand warmers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tuna pouches • packaged potatoes • scarves • socks • granola bars • peanut butter • gloves |
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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.

Azura Worship Service

We will be beginning a once in the month worship service with communion at Azura, the facility where Amy Benson now lives. They will be the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm and will last about a half an hour. Anyone who wants to join us and support the singing is welcome.

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 October 13th . We begin with Worship. We then gather for a meal in the Parlors, for celebration with a tailgate party. Good for both football game spectators, and Grace ministry team participants! We encourage you to wear team apparel / colors. It can be a sports team, your alumni, civic group, Grace related, etc.

Sunday School

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

- 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 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 your can do.

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

Quarterly Statements

The quarterly giving statements will be mailed out this week. Please check to make sure it matches your records. If you find a discrepancy, please contact Andrew in the office by telephone (715–832–9713) or email (info@grace-church.org). Thank you.

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



Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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- 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.*

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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