

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*July 27, 2025*  
*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.

*Pastor Phil is on sabbatical until August 15th. We thank all those who have stepped up this Sunday to offer us God's word and lead your worship of God. Information on Pastor Phil's sabbatical can be found in the narthex and office.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray  
I Love to Tell the Story

E. F. Richter  
Emma Lou Diemer


Opening Hymn What A Friend We Have in Jesus

#742


### Apostolic Greeting

### Hymn of Praise


*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.

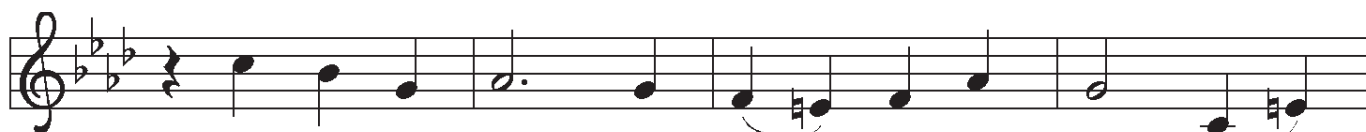


1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

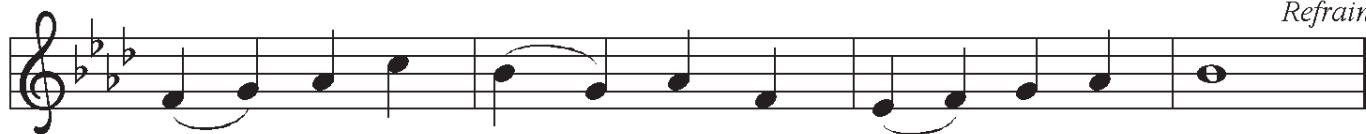


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:





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



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 -



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

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

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## WORD

### Children's Message

#### The First Reading is from Genesis, chapter 18

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?"

<sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the

righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Psalms 138 is read responsively**

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your  
steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save  
me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your  
hands.**

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## Gospel Acclamation

**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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

... God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

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MEAL

**Offering**

Come, Let Us Eat

David Cherwien

## Offering Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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-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.

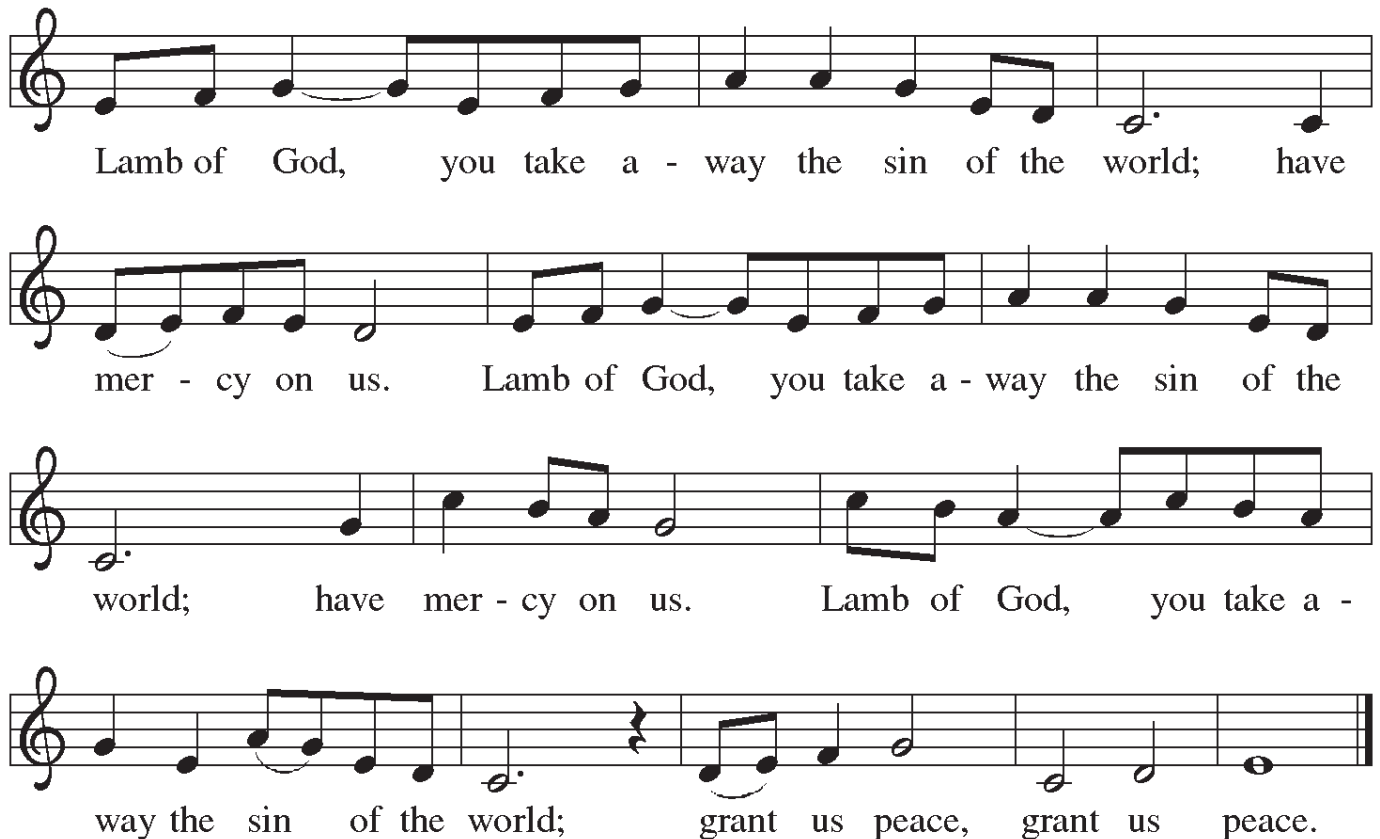
## Eucharistic Prayer

## 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

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



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.



### **Prayer After Communion**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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### **SENDING**

#### **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit **†** bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**     *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

**#543**

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**     *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Paul Manz**

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**Pastor:** Mel Rau

**Reader:** Roger Pomplun

**Assisting Minister:** Pete Lokken

**Organist:** Elaine Mann

## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (27<sup>th</sup>)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am  
Worship – 10am

### MONDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

### TUESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am  
Prayer Group – 11am

### WEDNESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am  
Handbell Class – 4pm

### THURSDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

### FRIDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

### SUNDAY (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Sunsational Summer Camp, ADRC, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Revitalization Project

## WeCare Backpack Program For ECASD Kids Collection

We will be collecting NEW Elementary school age backpacks (boys needed most) at Grace now through August 3rd. Labeled area to place in the Narthex. Please see the associated graphic.

Lets help a few students start off the school year with a NEW backpack!

Mission Outreach Ministry



## Texas Flood Relief

The ELCA through Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and other partners to provide urgent needs, emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery to those the victims of the recent floods in Texas.

For anyone interested in donating to those affected by the devastating floods in Texas, the ELCA has a disaster response website which can be found here: <https://give.elca.org/page/email?mid=768161e2dffb46d0b9fccd375a3f9ca9>

## Join Us for Musical Fun!

A 'Learn to Ring' class, for 4th grade and older, will be held this summer on Wednesdays at 4pm in the choir room, beginning on Wed. June 25.

The sessions, taught by Norma Lionberger and assisted by Karen, will focus on beginning ringing techniques and music for chimes and handbells. Please contact Karen Lionberger at [bellhog76@gmail.com](mailto:bellhog76@gmail.com) for more info and to sign up. Sessions will continue through July.

## Beacon House Sign Up

MEALS FOR THE FAMILIES AT BEACON HOUSE: Grace members will be responsible for evening meals Aug. 3, 4, 5, and 6. (Sunday through Wednesday) At this time, there are 5 adults and 7 children which includes 2 babies at one month old. The leftovers from evening meals will be used for lunches by the mothers. The menus feature summer fare. Donations to the Deacon Fund will be used to purchase additional food staples, ex: milk, orange juice, fruit, cereal. Sign up sheets are at the Lighthouse in the Narthex. Questions? call Barb Radke at 715-835-3440 Thank you.

## Thank you for the Donations

Both the Sojourner and Beacon House were so thankful for the generous Christmas in July donations from Grace to help and to support them with all of the food and supplies that are so needed there. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org)

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: [pastorphil@grace-church.org](mailto: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 — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

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



# BENEFITTING EAU CLAIRE ADULTS 3-06



SATURDAY, AUG 30  
9 AM

CARSON PARK  
EAU CLAIRE, WI

TWO-MILE RUN/WALK  
KIDS FUN RUN TO FOLLOW

REGISTRATION:  
**BIT.LY/BUCKSHOT25**  
(ALL LOWERCASE)



GET REGISTERED BY AUG 4  
TO GUARANTEE YOUR BUCKSHOT RUN T-SHIRT!

**BOB & "BUCK"**  
FOUNDERS OF THE BUCKSHOT RUN

WE ARE PROUD TO CARRY BOB & "BUCK'S"  
VISION FOR THE BUCKSHOT RUN ON  
THROUGH THIS YEAR'S EVENT AND BEYOND!  
**ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL STAY LOCAL AND**  
HELP PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES.



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE  
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED OR DISABLED BY  
PROVIDING THEM WITH WORK AND EMPLOYMENT.

