

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



August 3, 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 Symphonie Gothique: II. Andante Sostenuto Charles Marie Widor

Opening Hymns Dearest Jesus, at Your Word #520

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Ecclesiastes, chapter 1

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Colossians, chapter 3

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel for today comes from Luke, chapter 12

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a

parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Jan Adams

Hymn of the Day Be Thou My Vision

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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

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.

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.**

Peace

Offering

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Pachelbel

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,
3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de-fends you;
4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!

My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.

Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.
Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;
Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,

Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord

Jan Bender

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (3rd)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

TUESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

THURSDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

Scouting Kick-Off

Event – 6:30pm

FRIDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

SATURDAY

Nancy & Darrell

McCauley Memorial

Service – 11:30am

SUNDAY (10th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Sunsational Summer Camp, ADRC, Jonah, Brighter than Sunshine, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association

Sabbatical Report

This past week was spent preparing to entrust my father into God's hands. We had a lovely group of people gathered from so many aspects of his life, including the five congregations where he served. The service and meal afterwards reminded me of how important they are for the grieving process. Thank you to Grace for the bouquet that was sent to honor him. The service is posted (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJu4e5fUzlk&t=714s>) if you'd like to see it. I speak at the beginning of the service and the video they played of my dad as pastor is also especially interesting. I noticed he is the source of the way I often end my children's sermons. This week, Lori and I go to our biblical storytelling conference in Baltimore, and then my mid-August return date is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing you.

PS. I will never text you asking for money, and my phone number begins (715) so don't let the scammers get you.

Rally Day

Get Ready! Grace's Rally Day will be Sunday September 7th in the church parlors. There will be a "true" potluck meal. Bring a food you like to make. The dessert will be provided as an Ice Cream Bar with all the fixins! Presentation Bibles will be handed out to a few of our older Sunday School students during worship.

Mark your calendars!

BENEFITTING EAU CLAIRE ADULTS 3-06

44TH ANNUAL

BUCKSHOT RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS EAU CLAIRE

REGISTRATION:
BIT.LY/BUCKSHOT25
[ALL LOWERCASE]

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

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.

BOB & "BUCK"
FOUNDERS OF THE BUCKSHOT RUN

SATURDAY, AUG 30
9 AM.
CARSON PARK
EAU CLAIRE WI

TWO-MILE RUN/WALK
KIDS FUN RUN TO FOLLOW







ELCA Announcement

We are pleased to announce the election of Rev. Yehiel Curry as presiding bishop of the ELCA! Bishop-elect Curry was elected on the fifth ballot with 70.34% of the vote.

Funeral Announcement

August 9th there will be a memorial service for Nancy and Darrell McCauley. Nancy was the financial secretary for Grace Lutheran in the 1990s. The service will take place at 11:30 with a committal immediately afterward at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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 — <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 or by calling the office at 715-832-9713