

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 7, 2026

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The first reading is from Hosea, chapter 5

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

The second reading is from Romans, chapter 4

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

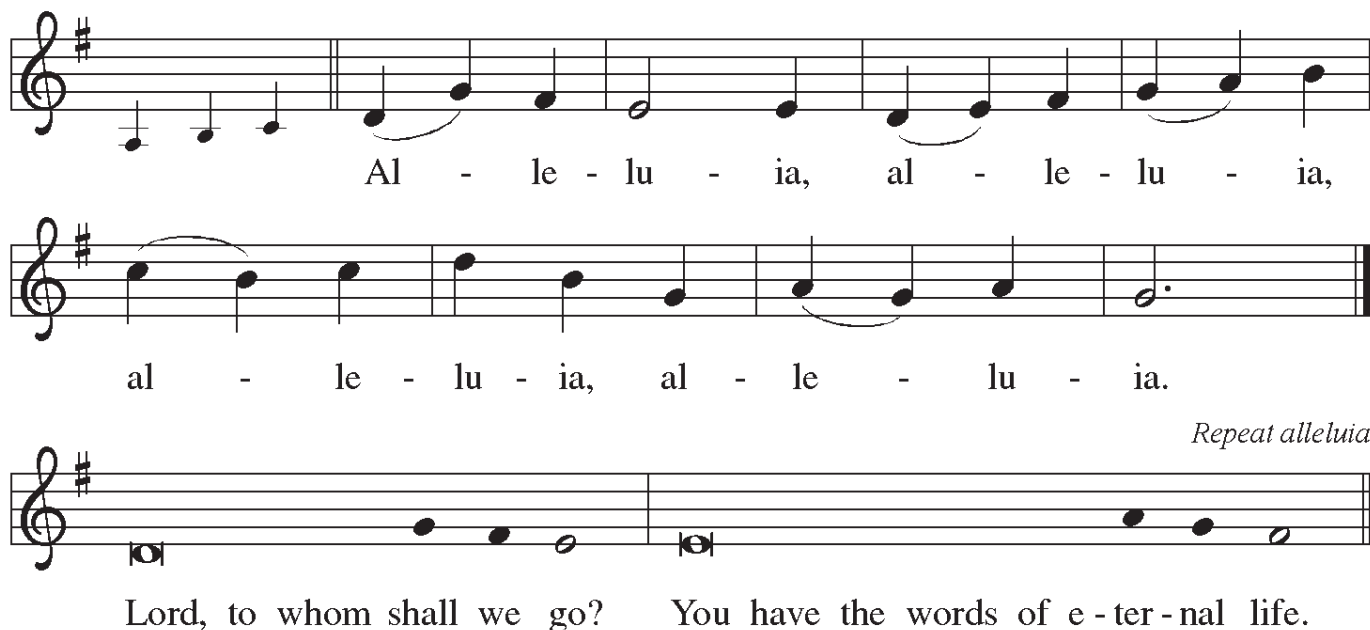
²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 Matthew, chapter 9 Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."

And the woman was made well from that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

<sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

... God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.  
Amen.

Peace

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MEAL

Offering

## Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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

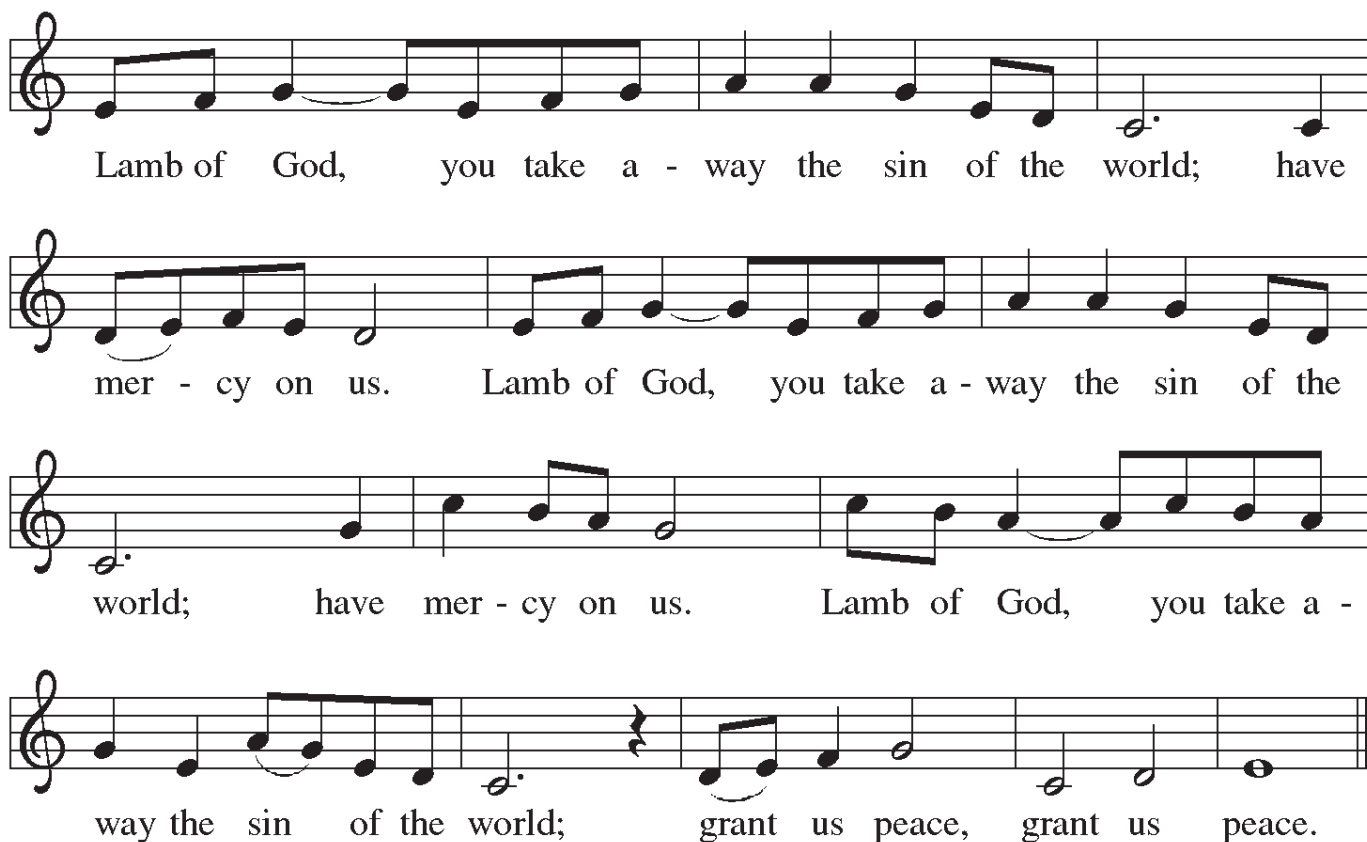
## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Words of Institution

### 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

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

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## SENDING

### Blessing

Sending Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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### Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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**Minister:** Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

**Reader:** Molly Wilson

**Assisting Minister:** Mitch Piper

**Guest Organist:** Joan Neumann

## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (7<sup>th</sup>)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am  
Worship – 10am  
Foundation Annual Meeting – 11am

### MONDAY

Summer Camp – 6am  
Elizabeth Circle – 10am

### TUESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am  
Prayer Group – 11am

### WEDNESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am  
Crafters – 9am  
Text Study – 12noon

### THURSDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

### FRIDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

### SUNDAY (14<sup>th</sup>)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am  
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Grace Lutheran Foundation, Brighter than Sunshine, Grace Rising Wellness, ECWiT, Theater Guild



GRACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
2026-6-7

## Grace Foundation Annual Meeting

Earlier this spring we tried to have the annual meeting for Grace Lutheran Communities, but we were unable to reach a quorum due to the Eau Claire Marathon taking place the same Sunday.

The annual meeting has been rescheduled for June 7 immediately after the worship service. If you are able, please stay after for the meeting. There are a couple of items that need to be voted on as well as new board members who need to be installed. Thank you.

## New AA Group Meeting at Grace

Grace is pleased to begin partnering with Alcoholics Anonymous to host the largest Eau Claire meeting on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8pm in the Memorial Assembly. Please pray for these folks as they seek to find and sustain sobriety.

## Summer Activities

We are once again hosting the 2026 Sunsational Summer Camp with school age participants that will provide a lively environment in the Parlors and Memorial Assembly most weekdays. We are excited to join with the foundation, Grace Lutheran Communities, in making this opportunity available. This program is extremely popular and fills up quickly after the enrollment period opens. We will enjoy the sound of children's voices as well as the youthful and professional staff that make the program successful. The whole crew is frequently out in the community on a wide range of field trips. One parent represents the experience of many when she says, "Ensuring my children have both an enjoyable and adventurous summer with trusting, responsive, and safe staff members is a top priority for me. Having the opportunity to partner with the Grace Lutheran Foundation's 'Sunsational Summer Camp' for the last two year, has provided our family with just that!"

## Summer Concert Band

The Eau Claire Municipal Band is starting their summer concert series. The band will perform at the Sarge Boyd Bandshell in Owen Park every Monday at 7:30 from June 8 to July 27. Hope to see everyone there!

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**The American Guild of Organists**

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**A  
PATRIOTIC  
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**Sunday, June 14, 2026  
2:00 pm**

**First Congregational Church  
310 Broadway Street  
Eau Claire**

**Organists - Handbells - Vocals - Instrumentalists**



**(freewill offering)**

Chippewa Valley Dementia Coalition  
Presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual:



# Chippewa Valley Dementia Conference

Thursday  
**JUNE 11, 2026**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Chippewa Valley Technical College  
771 Scheidler Road, Chippewa Falls

## FOR PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS



**Dr. Barbara Bendlin**  
School of Medicine and  
Public Health  
UW-Madison



**Sharon Lukert, Author**  
Living Well with Mild  
Cognitive Impairment

Join us for the 2nd Annual Chippewa Valley Dementia Conference! A day designed to offer practical tools, shared learning, and a supportive space with others who understand the realities of dementia care.

### All attendees will enjoy:

- Take-home materials from keynotes and breakout sessions
- Direct access to speakers and exhibitors for Q&A
- Meaningful connection with other caregivers
- Insight into valuable Chippewa Valley resources
- Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refreshments
- Certificates of attendance if needed
- Cost to attend: \$25
- Scholarships available, contact your local ADRC

If you need respite care to attend the event, consider using supportive home care or adult day programs. Contact your local ADRC for more information.

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<https://bit.ly/dementiaconf26>  
by Friday, June 5, 2026.



CAMBRIDGE  
SENIOR LIVING





## New Choir Director

Welcome to our new choir director, Ryan Rogers, who will start in the fall. He is the next in the line of gifted directors that God has sent to serve at Grace. Ryan is the new Assistant Professor of Music in Choral Conducting and Music Education at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. Previously Interim Director of Choral Activities at Radford University, he studied at the University of Houston (summa cum laude in May 2018), Yale (Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Yale’s Institute of Sacred Music), and Indiana University (Doctorate of Music), and has taught and conducted ensembles of all ages and experience levels. Most recently he served as Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Indiana. In his free time, Ryan enjoys running, singing with friends, arranging, and recording his own compositions.

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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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