

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 28, 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 Sonata IV: Andante religioso; Allegretto Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 Let All Things Now Living

#881

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.

Hymn of Praise Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#733

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The first reading is from Psalm 89

- ¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- ³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴"I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Solo

I'll Fly Away

Randy Adams

The second reading is from Romans, chapter 6

- ¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.
- ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life,

and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in

the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous,⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

#659

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

MEAL

Offering

Meditation on "Beecher"

Jaebon Hwang

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.

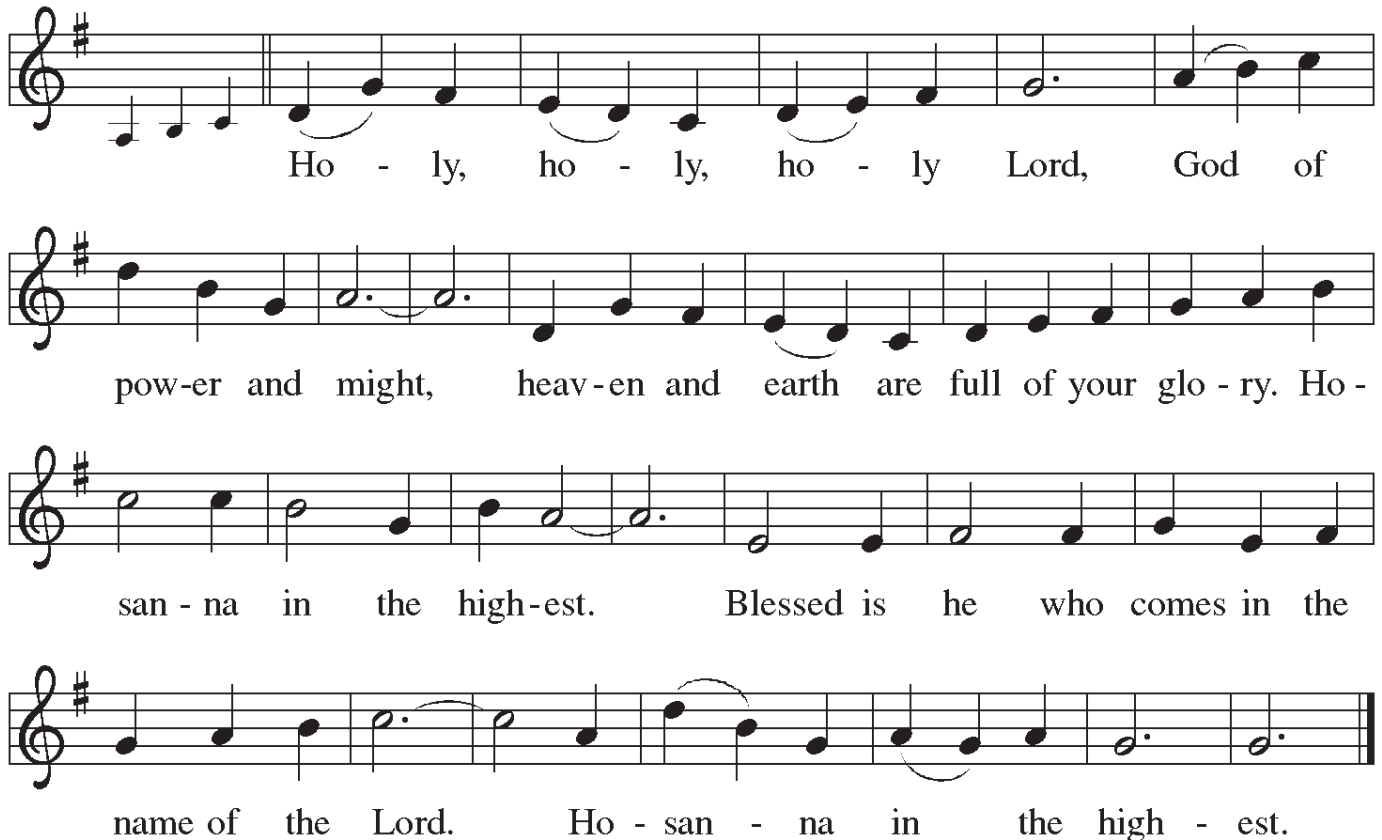
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

Words of Institution

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

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.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*

#676

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sonata II:Fuga

Felix Mendelssohn

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Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Pete Lokken

Reader: Mitch Piper

Organist: Elaine Mann

Soloist: Randy Adams

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (28th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

TUESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am
Grace Pacers – 9:30am
Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am
Crafters – 9am
Text Study – 12noon
Clearwater Ringers – 5:30pm
AA meeting – 7pm

THURSDAY

Summer Camp – 6am
Randall Park Neighborhood
Association Meeting – 6pm

FRIDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

SATURDAY

Fourth of July

SUNDAY (5th)

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, Randall Park Neighborhood Association



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas in July

We will be collecting Wish List items from Sojourner and Beacon House now through July 12th.

Sojourner: deodorant, bottled water, toothpaste, bug spray and sunscreen

Beacon House: paper towels, baby wipes, diapers size 4–8, new pillows and bath towels.

Labeled boxes will be placed in the Narthex.

Mission Outreach Ministry

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!





Join our regular community walks around the neighborhood.

Grace Pacers

Tuesdays 9:30am / Starting June 16th
Meet in Chapel on 2nd floor off Sanctuary
(Rain day Thursday same week)

Duration: 30 minutes (approx.)

Pace: At your own pace

Age: All are welcome

Intensity: Low to moderate (no steep hills or stairs) with a variety of routes

What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes and your water bottle

Need a ride to join: Let us know!

Let's walk this road together!

Grace Walking Group

As our first response to the areas of interest expressed in the survey we took several weeks ago, weekly walks by the informal group we will call

“Grace Pacers” will begin this Tuesday morning at 9:30am, weather permitting. This is a time to get to know each other better and to tend the bodies God has given us. The information is below. Thanks to Barb Piper for thinking through the details for us.

Blessing Box

Summer is finally here and we still need food and other supplies for our Blessing Box. Our Blessing Box is open all year and we would like to keep it stocked especially in the summer months when many of us are away on vacation. Here are some of the items we need:

- cereal
- crackers
- soap
- packaged soup
- packaged noodles
- toothpaste
- tuna pouches
- packaged potatoes
- granola bars
- peanut butter

Since we are in the warmer months, we are able to collect any canned goods or liquid items.

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.

Ice cream night out

Wednesday, July 1st 7pm

meet at La Michoacana, 2410 London Road



Get Together Over Ice Cream

In our effort to gather together more often, we are having an ice cream night out. We will meet at La Michoacana, 2410 London Road (Same plaza as Tokyo Restaurant, across the street and down a bit from Panda Express). They have 30 flavors of Ice Cream and 70 flavors of popsicles. If anyone needs a ride, let Pastor Phil know (715-577-1173). We also have some money to cover anyone who needs help. Ask Pastor for this as well. We don't want anyone who wants to come to have to miss!

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