

# *Worship Folder*



## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

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# Grace Lutheran Church

July 18-19, 2020

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

## **GREETING**

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

P: Lord have mercy

**C: Christ have mercy**

P: Lord have mercy

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**     *Unison*

**Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness  
and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we  
may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **WORD**

***God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.***

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*(Response after first and second reading)*

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Isaiah 44:6-8**

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to  
pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am  
the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them  
proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of  
old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any  
god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

### **Psalm 86:11-17**

*Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)*

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks  
my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be  
put to shame;  
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

### **Romans 8:12-25**

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains

until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

**All: Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Alleluia.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

<sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

<sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **HOMILY**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

*(the assembly stands as you are able)*

## **APOSTLE'S 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 power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

*(Response after each petition)*

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able, as the gifts are brought forward)*

**P:** Let us pray...God of goodness and growth,

**C:** all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...now and forever.

**C: 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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence are invited to participate in the Eucharist)*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### **REFLECTION MUSIC**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

**P:** Let us pray...God of the welcome table,

**C: in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

### **SENDING HYMN**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(the assembly stands, as you are able)*

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## **PRAYERS**

Alecia Lewis, Jan Charter, Don Furze, Larry Nelson, Marge Weber, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Tammy Furze, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Rob VanCleave, Donna Schafer, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Kevin Reiser, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Yvonne Stoll, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

**Prayer Concerns:** We are still taking prayer concerns to be included in the weekly bulletin – now becoming weekly news and announcements and more. Please do have the persons permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than just our congregation will know about it.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor of the birthdays of Leslie Reynolds (17th) and Patti Tucker (21st).

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Music Program at First Congregational UCC.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

## **CHRIST IN OUR HOMES**

Devotionals for the next quarter of July - September are available in the office lobby. If you are not venturing out yet, phone the office and a copy will be mailed to you.

## **DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making some for the hospital and are willing to make some for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Talking About Race - Adult CE *ZOOM* at Grace for July 19th at 11:30 am.**

This week we continue looking at the Youtube of a conversation on race. We will watch more in class and have a discussion around those parts we see. You can watch the entire YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEuI-03Jcc4>

Even if you have not been part of the other classes it will be easy to join in our conversation this week as it will be around our reaction to the portion we view together. Class is Sunday at 11:30 am done via Zoom (information sent in a separate email.)

### **ZOOM FELLOWSHIP - THURSDAY JULY 23 AT 7 PM**

Join us for another time of fellowship with church members at Thursday July 23 at 7 PM. We had fun in previous times, and even had Polly Cook "Zooming" in from Wisconsin to join us talking about church and Alpena history. The connection info was sent in a separate email. Any questions contact Pastor Tom.

## **ONLINE WORSHIP RECORDINGS**

From our website or Facebook page you can access a video that we have made of scripture, prayers, music and a meditation for the week. Please let others, family, friends and church members know about this. We hope these recorded services are meaningful. It is GOD'S WORD and it needs to be out there. The world so needs to know of God's love and grace and peace and justice and strength right now. *THANKS*

## **MISSION TRIP POSTPONED UNTIL 2021 - COLLECTING BOTTLES/CANS**

A special thank you to Grace members and friends who continue to support our community mission trips. Due to Covid we canceled all fundraising this spring which led us to postpone our trip until June 2021. We are continuing to raise funds over the next year with the hope we will be able to have a trip next year.

With that said, we hope you would consider donating your cans/bottles that have been accumulating at your home over the last several months to our 2021 mission trip fund. You can bring your returnable to Grace starting on June 13.

Thank you, Vicki, Staci & Marsha, Mission Trip Leaders

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

Average needed each week to meet budget	\$ 4,415.00
Weekly giving - July 12	2,650.55

**This week we received:**

23 envelopes and 2 new Give+ payments made from our website

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