

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

July 28, 2024—August 4, 2024

10th Sunday of Pentecost 7/28/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum Group
10:15AM Traditional Worship
4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 7/29/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
7:00PM Grief Support Group
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 7/30/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 7/31/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM Alateen
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 8/1/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
2:00PM Grief Support Group
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 8/2/24

10:30AM Grace Stitchers
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 8/3/24

Memorial Service for Fritz Foster

11th Sunday of Pentecost 8/4/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service
8:45AM Adult Forum Group
10:15AM Traditional Worship
First Holy Communion:
Nathan & Zander Bilello
4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Tues 10:00AM-3:00PM

Thurs-Fri 10:00AM-3:00PM

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10th Sunday of Pentecost



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We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.
Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship
red hymnal found in the pews.*

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* setting by Wayne L. Wold
Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Our Church Directory is in progress! We would like to add a page or two of pictures of the different committees and ministry groups here at Grace. If you would like to have a picture of your ministry group in the directory, please take and submit those pictures by August 30 to:

gracelutheranmedia24@gmail.com.

If you have not yet had a personal/family picture taken or submitted a picture, this would be the very last call for you to submit that, as well.

There will be a memorial service for Fritz Foster on Saturday, August 3 here at Grace Lutheran Church. More detail will be emailed as it becomes available.

Please join us for worship followed by fellowship next Sunday, August 4, as we acknowledge the First Holy Communion of Nathan and Zander Bilello!

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*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

We thank all those serving in worship today:

Reader: Meg La Spina

The flowers sponsor this week is: Roberta Blumenthal,
in celebration of Laura and Doug Siteman's 20th
Wedding Anniversary!



The bulletins sponsor this week is: Ruth & Charles
Bowden, in honor of what would have been Herbert
Alburger's 102nd birthday!

Home Reading of the Week:

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW #461

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

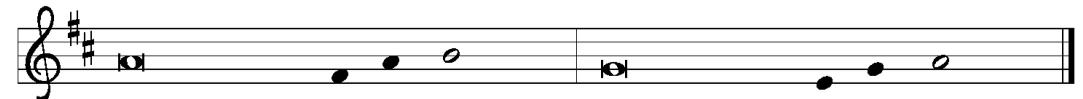
PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.

Please be seated.

PSALM 145:10-18



- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**
- ¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages.**
**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your
works.**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

READING : 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

before returning to your pew. Now, the ushers will invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. Once you have received the wafer and the wine/grape juice, you will place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew. As places open up, worshippers will fill them in so that communion is a continuous process. The choir will go to communion first to show you the pattern.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord Bless you and keep you; The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* setting by Wilbur Held

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW #484

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. For the month of July, we are going to try out what is called "continuous communion." It will look almost the same as what we have been doing; we have been going to the altar railing in groups and being blessed



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley

loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW #515

THE 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.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus (Bread of the Angels)* by Thomas Pavlechko
Soprano: Corinne Rhodes & Mezzo Soprano: Patricia Angarano

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in me a Clean Heart* **WOV page 732**

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *Brief silence.*

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, “In your mercy,” please respond with “Hear our prayer.”

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal