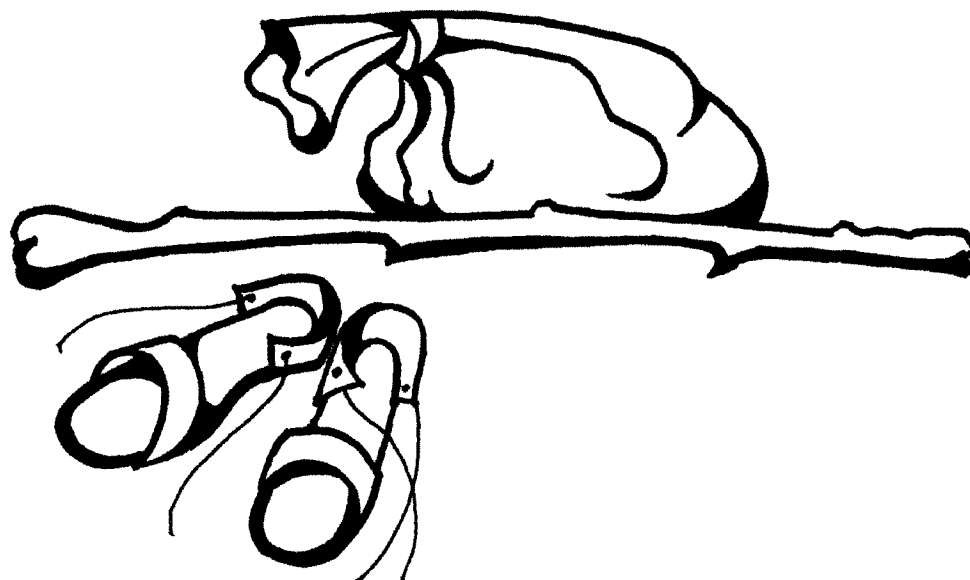


June 14, 2026

Pentecost 3



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reverend † Elizabeth Frey, Scott J. Breiner, Music Director  
Corinne Rhodes, Administrative Assistant

**We welcome you to worship here at Grace!**

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

*S=service music in the front part of the hymnal.*

## GATHERING

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

*Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Elizabeth Frey

**PRELUDE/HYMN**     *All People That On Earth Do Dwell*     **ELW #883**  
Verses 1, 2, 5 ALL, Verse 3 & 4 CHOIR

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

## 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.**

**KYRIE**

**ELW S138**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is the Feast*

**ELW S140**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

*Please be seated.*

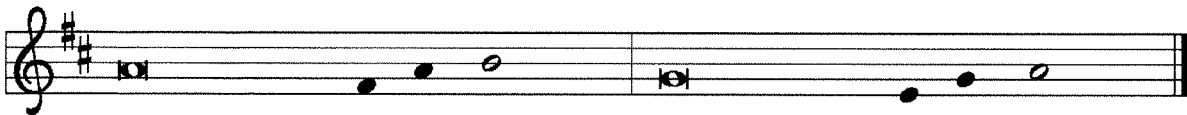
**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a**

*At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.*

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

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

**PSALM 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom <sup>1</sup> we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep <sup>1</sup> of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the <sup>1</sup> courts with  
praise;

give thanks and bless God's <sup>1</sup> holy name.

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is <sup>1</sup> everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from <sup>1</sup> age to age.

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 9th & 10th chapters. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Rev. Elizabeth Frey

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*In Christ Called To Baptize*

**ELW #575**

**THE 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 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** *Jubilate Deo (O Be Joyful In The Lord)* by Robert J. Powell

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God* [WOV #732](#)

### **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.

*Please be seated.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. *Brief silence.*

A: God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries *especially all who are on our prayer list and all those we name aloud or in our hearts...* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW S144

**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW S144

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to receive communion in front of the altar steps. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing and cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.*

**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****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* **ELW #535**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Pomp and Circumstance* by Edward Elgar

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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

**We thank all those serving in worship today:  
Worship Assistant: Corinne Rhodes**



**The flowers sponsor this week is: Stephen & Mary Ann Gring, in celebration of Audrey Miller's birthday!**

**The candles, wine, and bulletins sponsor this week is: WELCA, welcoming Pastor Elizabeth Frey and her family to our family of faith here at Grace!**

**Please be aware that the cost for sponsoring flowers had gone up by \$5. Starting today, June 14, the new cost for flower donations for anyone who has not yet turned in money is \$35.00.**

**Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 AM**

St. Joe's Semi Annual Food Drive for Grace Place Food Pantry  
People are needed to help to receive and stock food items.

Your help is greatly appreciated!



*Welcome!*

Grace Lutheran Church extends a  
warm welcome to Reverend  
Elizabeth Frey and her family!

Please join us for a WELCOME LUNCHEON following worship!

## **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

**Members of Grace:** Debbie K., Renee P. & sister, Bettie C., Bonnie C., Ruth K., Lois R., Barry L., Don B., John Sa., Family of Chris D., Bob K., Scott B, Donna M., Sally S., Jonelle, Joe M., Meg L., Family & Friends of Diana McArdle, Family & Friends of Lois Reardon, Pastor Wendolyn, Family & Friends of Margaret Groves and Dawn Wright, Johanna R., Eleanore Guire, Jim F., Clare B., Diane G., Family & Friends of Bob Klingensmith, Family & Friends of Bruce Hoelter

**Our family and friends:** Alex, Jeff, Skip, Donna, Tom, Rachel (Ruth T.), Ric, Cody, Logan, David (Ruth B.), Marilyn, Houston (June J.), Nadine, Todd, Drew, Catherine, Alisa (Corinne R.), Family & Friends of Carrie, Family & Friends of Sally (Ray H.), Linda, Dana (Edna C. & Patty D.), Bruce (Brenda T.), Jody M., Audrey M. (Mary Ann G.), Karen H. (Mary G.), Tyler, Megan (Carol G.), Barbara B., Hank (Vickie C.), Bridget K. & Patrick, George M., Ronald G., Rossanne and Ronald, Byonka (Renee P.), Abril, Kyle, Randy, the Garmin Family (Chris D.), Donna Bishop-Chaporino, Reverend Pat J. (Jim F.), Kyri (Meg L.), John M., Dan (Sue S.), Bowie Steelman (Linda S.), Joan W. (Mary Ellen F.), Pastor Althea Albright

**Those serving our country:** Matthew Bilello, ANG, Cainan Johnson, USAF, & Daniel Casner, 3rd USN, Liam Johnson, USN

*Please notify the church office of any changes or additions to our prayer list.*

# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## June 14, 2026-June 21, 2026

### 3rd Sunday of Pentecost 6/14/26

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
10:15AM Traditional Worship  
**Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Liz & Family**

### MONDAY 6/15/26

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
6:30PM Grief Support Group  
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### TUESDAY 6/16/26

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

### WEDNESDAY 6/17/26

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

### THURSDAY 6/18/26

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:30PM AA 12-Step  
**7:00PM Church Council Meeting**  
7:00PM Al-Anon

### FRIDAY 6/19/26

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


### SATURDAY 6/20/26

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers  
**10:00AM Delivery from St. Joe's Food Drive**

### 4th Sunday of Pentecost 6/21/26

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
10:15AM Traditional Worship

Corinne is out of the office from June 15-26.

<b>SHORE DINER</b> 
Present this bulletin on a Sunday and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace Lutheran Church. Present this on any other day, and we will donate 10%.
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