

July 6, 2025

4th Sunday After 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

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE

America, The Beautiful

transcribed by Rob Roy Peery

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.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, you lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, and you surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity. And yet, O Merciful God, we turn aside to our own paths, and we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's beloved children. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Come, All You People

ELW #819

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

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

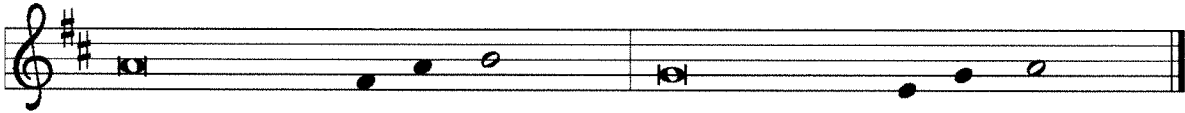
PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

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 66:1-9



- ¹ Be joyful in God, ¹ all you lands;
be joyful, ¹ all the earth.
- ² **Sing the glory ¹ of God's name;**
sing the glory ¹ of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome ¹ are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies ¹ cringe before you.
- ⁴ **All the earth bows ¹ down before you,**
sings to you, sings ¹ out your name."
- ⁵ Come now and see the ¹ works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds ¹ toward all people.
- ⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- ¹**
ter on foot,
and there we re- ¹joiced in God.
- ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- ¹ ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- ¹ alt themselves.
- ⁸ **Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;**
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.
- ⁹ Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.

READING: Galatians 6:1-6

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”

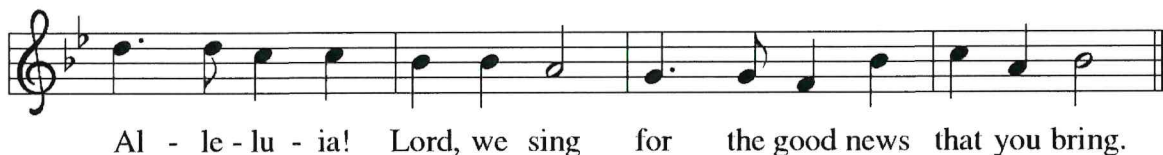
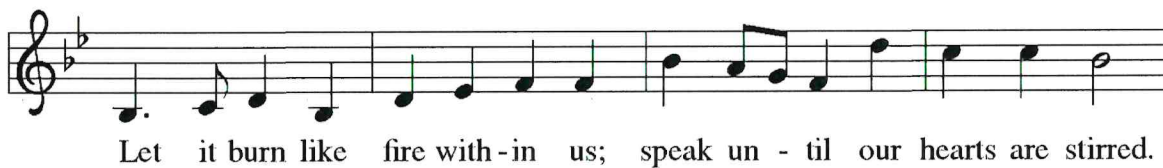
¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

*Please stand as you are able.***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.***JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING***Our monthly special noisy offering for the month of July is Big Brothers & Big sisters of Atlantic County.***OFFERING****OFFERTORY***O Be Joyful in the Lord!*

by Carlton T. Russell

*Please stand as you are able.***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***WOV #732****OFFERING PRAYER****Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***Please be seated.***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****P:** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. *Brief silence.*

*At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "God of grace," please respond with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION HYMNS

This Is My Song

ELW #887

God Bless Our Native Land

ELW #891

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will have continuous communion in front of the steps today. **EVERYONE IS INVITED** to come down the center aisle at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats via the side aisle. There is white grape juice in the*

center of the circular tray and red wine in the outer part of the tray. If you are unable to come up to the front, you may remain seated and the pastor will bring you communion after everyone has come forward. Children or those who have not received a first communion are welcome to come for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you gathered us to your table and we were filled with your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888

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

POSTLUDE

My Country 'Tis Of Thee

arr. by William Thomas Best

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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

We thank all those serving in worship today:
Worship Assistant: Ruth Bowden



The flowers sponsor this week is: Mary Goodman,
 in loving memory of Vince. “Happy heavenly birthday!”

The candles and bulletins sponsor this week is: Clare Brick

Home Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
 all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
 all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
 from her consoling breast;
 that you may drink deeply with delight
 from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:
 I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
 and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
 and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
 and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
 so I will comfort you;
 you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
 your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
 and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
 and his indignation is against his enemies.

Come and enjoy one or more of Scott Breiner's organ recitals this summer at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, home of the largest organ in the world!

The recitals are at noon on the following dates:

July 14th
August 7th
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HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

July 6, 2025—July 13, 2025

4th Sunday of Pentecost 7/6/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship

MONDAY 7/7/25

6:30PM Grief Support Group
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 7/8/25

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 7/9/25

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM AA Book Study

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 7/10/25

2:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 AA 12-Step

**6:00PM Church Council Meeting with
Support and Stewardship Committee**

7:00PM Al-Anon
7:30PM Compassionate Friends

FRIDAY 7/11/25

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

SATURDAY 7/12/25

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

5th Sunday of Pentecost 7/13/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

This week:

Mon & Fri 10:00-3:00

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