

Pentecost 6

July 4, 2021

**Jesus began to
send them out
TWO BY TWO**

MARK 6:7



Grace Lutheran Church

Worship at 8:00 am (Spoken) & 10:15 am (Liturgical)

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Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email at: pastoralthea3@gmail.com or by phone 484-345-0399.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.

Serving in Worship Today—Worship Assistant: Ruth Bowden

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa—**Fellowship**—Mary Goodman

Sound Technicians: Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace! We are trying a new way of listing our prayer concerns in the coming weeks. If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N., John S.

Family and friends: Family and friends of Doris Pugliese (sister of Rene Pugliese) Elliott (friend of Pastor Althea). Jody (niece of Grings), Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Wellfields), Dr. Frank, (friend of Diana McArdle), Jim, Vicki, Don, and Barbara (friends of Meg LaSpina), Payton (friend of Joyce Bianco), Bill and Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.)

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

WITH ONE VOICE
BREAD OF LIFE
Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN SING

Selected hymns are inserted in the bulletin.

#1: This Is My Song - #2: In the Garden - #3 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, we open our hearts to you. You know each of us inside and out.

We cannot hide anything from you. Create in us hearts of love and humble us to serve you by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Renew our relationship with you and restore our joy as we worship you and magnify your holy name. **Amen**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

L O R D H A V E M E R C Y
Christ have mercy
 L O R D H A V E M E R C Y

GLORY TO GOD



Refrain: **¶** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



¶ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

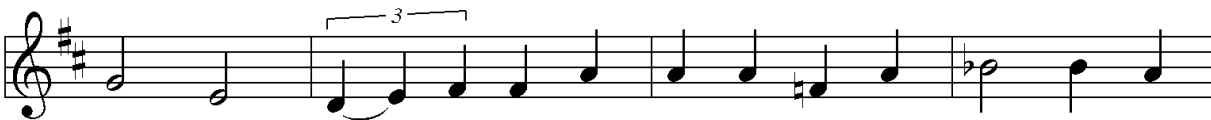


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

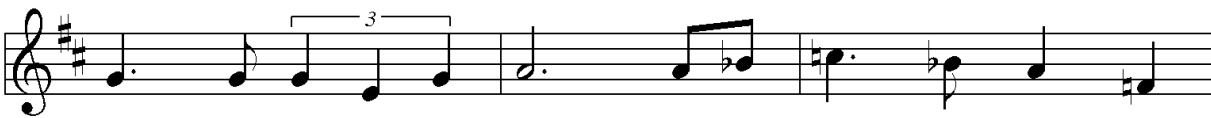
Refrain:



¶ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....**God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

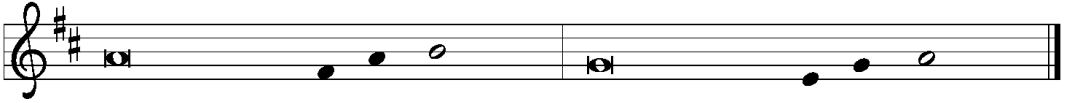
WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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



PSALM: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift | up my eyes, / to you enthroned | in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

⁴too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,
and of the derision | of the proud.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—
⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Please stand as you are able

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to St Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW # 396

Verses 1 & 4, All; Verse 2, Men; Verse 3, Women

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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

WEEKLY OFFERING

*We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace.
 Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call
 the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.*

OFFERTORY

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

by Hal H. Hopson

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS*Please stand as you are able*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

*Please be seated***OFFERING PRAYER***We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.*

Let us pray. We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Let us come before God who promises to hear us in prayer..

Brief silence.

Leader: God of all time and places, you brought the universe into being.

You watch over all creatures. Renew and restore wildlife and habitats which need your touch.

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Liberating God, you raise us from sin and death with Christ and rescue us from oppression. Defend and deliver us from violence, slavery, and corruption. Be with those who work for justice and peace all over the world.

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of healing, you call us to proclaim your love and help others in need.

Give strength and hope to all who need you. We pray especially for all those we name now or in our hearts.

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love.

We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*).

Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors.

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

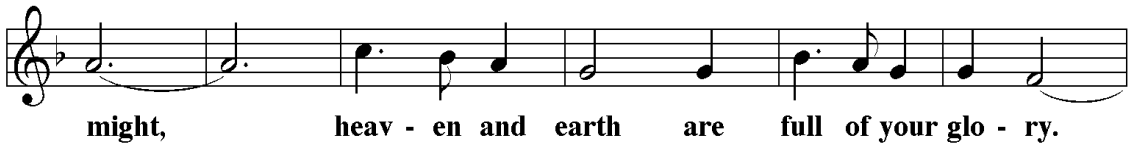
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have taken us by the hand, and offered yourself to us in a sacred sacrament. You are the creator of all things; you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth. You know our inner most being and offered us love and forgiveness in the new covenant embodied in your Son, Jesus, who died for all the world. Now, with the whole church, the angels, and all of heaven we praise you and sing:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty God, at this, your holy table, we come to you to be fed by your presence.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Together we celebrate this holy meal. May all praise and thanks be to you, Holy God,
through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by Christ, let us pray.

**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**

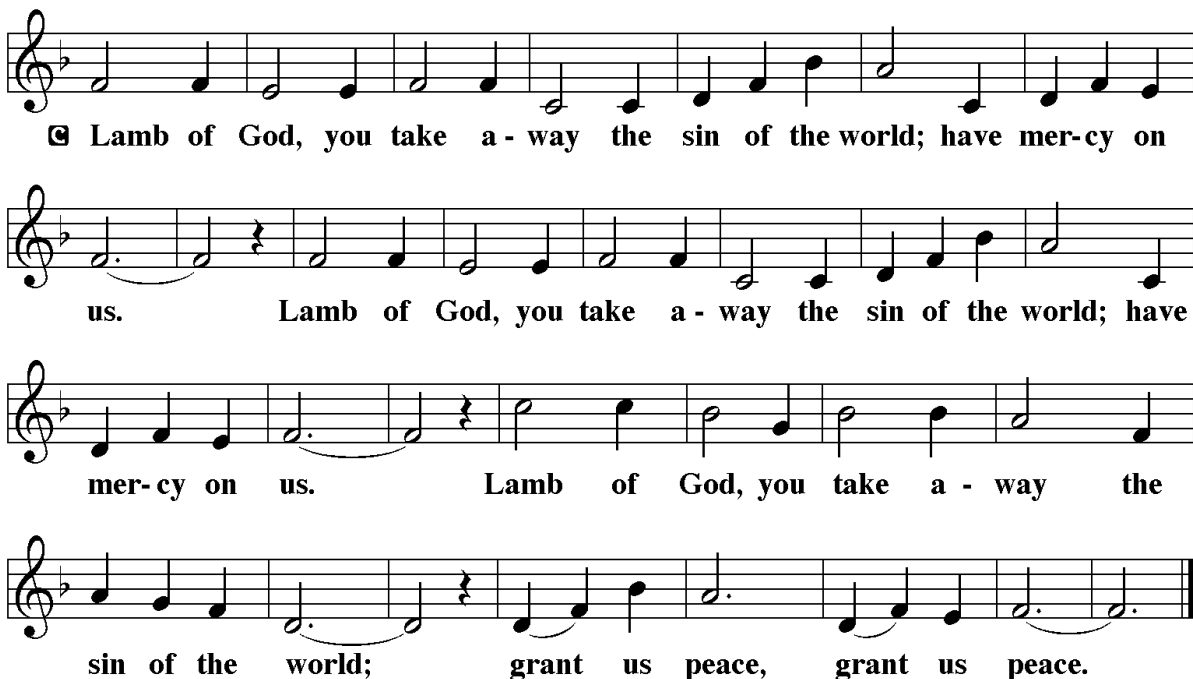
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for Christ is our host. **Amen.**

Communion will be offered in two ways, continuous at the chancel step, and at the direction of Pastor after everyone has come forward (for those at home online and those who choose to remain seated).

Follow the direction of the ushers to come to the front or remain seated and after all have come forward, direction for the prefilled host and grape juice will be given.

COMMUNION HYMN



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

IF YOU CHOOSE TO COME FORWARD:

Follow the directions of Pastor and the Ushers.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN AT YOUR SEAT OR YOU ARE ONLINE:

Prepare your elements after all have come forward and wait for direction from Pastor Althea.

CANTICLE

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the sharing of this holy meal you bless us with the body and blood of your Son to refresh and restate all of your people.

Give us courage and guidance that we may continue to be your hands and feet in the world. Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place, know that God loves you.

Remember Christ's presence is with you wherever you go.

Know that the Spirit is with you whenever you call on the Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN/POSTLUDE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW # 888

DISMISSAL

Go and serve others with the love of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

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**"...proclaim liberty throughout the
land to all its inhabitants."
Leviticus 25:19**



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.



Events This Week - July 4 - 11, 2021

Sunday 7/4 Pentecost 6

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

11:30 am - Fellowship Hour - Downstairs



Monday 7/5

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 7/6

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 7/7

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 7/8

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday 7/9

10:30 am - Grace Stitches

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday 7/10

Sunday 7/11 Pentecost 7

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

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Be sure to fill out the payment envelope with all the information for the bulletin, a week before (or sooner) your desired date, place it in the Offering plate or bring to the church office. Thank you, Diana

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Loving Memory of Ron
Given by Mary

CANDLES

In Memory of Ronnie Bianco
Given by Joyce Bianco