

Grace Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026

“Everyone then who hears these words
of mine and acts on them will be like a
wise man who built his house on rock.”

~ Matthew 7:24



Service of Holy Communion – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

(*) *the assembly may stand*

Congregation speaks responses in bold

PRESERVICE

WELCOME (*Presiding Minister*)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Presiding Minister*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

***GATHERING HYMN ELW 807**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***GREETING** (*Presiding Minister*)

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.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW 167**

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Presiding Minister*)

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.**

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.

A reading from Exodus.

²[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ 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: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, 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, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.'⁷ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 100 *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with a song.

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

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving
and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from 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.
A reading from Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

FAMILY MESSAGE

Rev. Jennifer S. Michael

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel*

Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

***GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1} 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. ² 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; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

***HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 798**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

CREED (*Assisting Minister*)

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith...

**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,
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assisting Minister*)

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

PRAYER REFRAIN


Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people.
Free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love for all.

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 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.

PRAYER REFRAIN



Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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, Sherrill, Ricky, Dylan and Janette. We also pray for those
we name aloud now or those we name silently in our hearts.

A brief moment of private petitions is observed.

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.

PRAYER REFRAIN



Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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

Amen.

PEACE (*Presiding Minister*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING ANTHEM

“He”

by Jack Richards; Tom Jackman, vocal solo

***OFFERING PRAYER** (*Assisting Minister*)

Let us pray.

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.**

***DIALOGUE** (*Presiding Minister*)

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** (*Presiding Minister*)

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** **ELW #191 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (*Presiding Minister-spoken*)

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals,
the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,

you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In 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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing,

his body given up, and his victory over death,

we await that day when all the peoples of the earth

will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,

so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,

that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

both now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Assisting Minister*)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

**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** (*Presiding Minister*)

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

At Grace Lutheran, believing in Jesus Christ, we invite ALL to the sacrament of Holy Communion. Receive the host and then take one of the small cups. Wine is the outer rings and grape juice is the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available. Once communion is received, follow direction of ushers to return to pew leaving cups in bowls provided.

LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #661 "I Love to Tell the Story"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Presiding Minister)*

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING OF COMMUNION *(Presiding Minister)*

Visitation ministers are invited to come forward.

Gracious God, you gather your children with a mother's fierce and tender love: as you fed Elijah with bread for the journey, bless and sustain those who go from this table to carry your word and sacrament to those who are sick and homebound. We give you thanks for these visitation ministers, for their compassion, faithfulness, and care. Through their hands, may your own nurturing presence be known. Strengthen and comfort those who receive this holy meal, and hold us all in your abiding mercy through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***BENEDICTION** *(Presiding Minister)*

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

***SENDING HYMN ACS 1000 "God's Work, Our Hands"**

- 1. God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

2. **God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
3. **God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
4. **God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

***DISMISSAL** (*Assisting Minister*)

Heaven has come near.

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by
Annette Crickenberger to the Glory of God.*



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Every Wednesday, at 10AM in Hillmer Chapel with Pastor Jennifer.

HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY – **Teal bags** with your t-shirts for Oasis Opportunity should be returned by Sunday, June 28th; shirts needed for children 5-12 years old.

GRACE LUTHERAN DAY CAMP

Begins Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26! During this week we will not be scheduling any additional activities because the campers will be “taking over”! The kids have a closing ceremony on Friday around 11AM to share songs and skits relating to what they have learned during camp. All are invited to join us in the sanctuary!

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS are also needed so that everyone can continue to enjoy our Fellowship time after worship. **SUGGESTION:** Take advantage of Publix BOGO’s, keep one, **SHARE ONE!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our members & friends celebrating birthdays in June!

Readings and Psalm for the week of June 21

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The prophet must speak despite opposition

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

Romans 6:1b-11

Buried and raised with Christ by baptism

Matthew 10:24-39

The cost of discipleship

Prayer List – Week of June 14, 2026

We pray for those in need of Christ's healing touch

NEW TO OUR PRAYER LIST

6/14 - Sherrill O'Brien. Ricky Kent (Martinez), Dylan Laliberte (Gould),
Janette Eaton (Robbins)

ONGOING MEMBER CONCERNS

Bert Crouthamel
Fred Ullrich
Carol Gutcher
Rose Kuhns
Betty Freshcorn
Kathy Jenkins
Brenda Gerding
Jerralynne Duncan
Joe Watson
The Katt/Watson Family
Christine Vickers
Mike Campbell
Troy Brueggemeier
Yvonne Daily
Thelma Rodriguez
Maggie Scott
Tim Smith
Richard Andree
Kathy Crouthamel
Sandra Taylor
Dora Hepner
Ralph Hepner
Lisa Hamilton
Dave Davies

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS

Anita Kennebeck (Erickson)
Irene Bidmead (Gould)
Eric Bidmead (Gould)
Ashley Wilson (Crosby)
Bob Pihl (Missbach)
Richard Taylor
Shane Rose (Armstrong)
Karen Brown & Family (Perrone)
Kim (Perrone)
Joseph Ciccarello (Colegrove)
Larry Krauss (Colegrove)
Leila Ritari
Ian (Hills)
Judy Zimmerman, (Milo)
Kathy Dowsett (Milo)
Pr. Wayne Gollenberg (Milo)
Pat Dooley (Milo)
Jim Laughner (Davies)
Denise Heppel (Davies)
Fred Bondzeit (Davies)
Brenda Giroux (Laettner)
Alexander Boltenko (Matheson)
Stephanie Williams (Hall)
David Griffin (Threm)
Jeanette Wolfe (Lindgren)
Miles Brown (Vickers)
Steve Mateus (Albisu)
Ed Hoornstra (Hoornstra)
Ann Maurer (Maurer)
Chris Adams (Castor)
Jahn Van de Putte (Cheek)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Preschool staff & Families
Scott Eidam
Dean Mayle (Lindgren)

We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church!



Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.

*We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced,
LGBTQ+, rich, poor, black, brown or white.*

*We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, squirming children,
and frazzled moms and dads.*

*We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of us,
who can't carry a note in a bucket.*

You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail.

*We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther,
or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.*

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*We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet,  
and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.*

*We welcome starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians and junk-food eaters.*

*We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.*

*We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps  
or if you don't like "organized religion",  
we've been there too.*

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We offer a special welcome to those who are left-wing, right-wing, or middle of the road.

*If you are here only because you are visiting grandma
and she wanted you to go to church with her, we welcome you.*

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.

We welcome those in flip flops or three-piece suits.

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*We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now.*

*We welcome vacationers, snow-birds, year-rounders, seekers, doubters....and you!*

*We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church,  
because we are a "house for all sinners and saints",*

*Gathered by the grace of God.*

***Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.***

**WORSHIP LEADERS – June 14, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

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| PRESIDING MINISTER   | Rev. Jennifer S. Michael                    |
| ASSISTING MINISTER   | Greggy Heckley                              |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | Linda Gravatt, Carole Priede                |
| ACOLYTE              | August Smutko                               |
| READER               | Bob Barry                                   |
| HEAD USHER           | Fred Borchers                               |
| USHERS               | Kipp Van Pay, Karen Jankowski               |
| ALTAR GUILD          | Susan Andree, Susan Nieland                 |
| REFRESHMENTS         | Marjorie Crosbie, Juan Prat, John Reinhardt |
| VIDEO/CAMERA         | David Vickers                               |
| SOUND                | Barb Toepke                                 |
| POWERPOINT           | Lori Ludick                                 |

*Connecting People to People, People to Christ,  
and People to their role in the world*

The People of Grace, Ministers

Rev. Pedro Suarez, Bishop of the Florida/Bahamas Synod

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