

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



**July 12, 2020
8:15am**

Welcome to *Grace*

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Themes of growth and abundance abound on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Word of God goes forth continually, reminding God's people that they are beloved, chosen, and cared for without fail. Because of his great love for humanity, God provides beauty to enjoy and hope in the midst of suffering. Some will hear this word of promise, and it will grow like a seed planted in fertile soil.

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter" - arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

"For the Fruit of All Creation" - arr. Frank Stoldt

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

P Merciful Father,

**C 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.
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.**

P 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.

C Amen.

The Gathering

Please be seated.

GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you!

KYRIE

A Kyrie eleison.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Christe eleison.

C Christ, have mercy.

A Kyrie eleison.

C Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Let us pray. Richly inspire us, O Lord,
C **to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PARISH CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAISE

Chris Hoch - trombone, Linda Hoch - piano

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - arr. Christopher Hoch

The Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

Isaiah declared that God will rescue the Israelites from exile and bring them home. God's Word is true and will not return empty, the prophet declared. It will accomplish all that the Lord has in mind, as the journey home will be a path through the desert transformed into paradise.

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 65:1-14

- L ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
C ²**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.**
L ³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.
C ⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**
L ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.



C ⁶**You make fast the mountains | by your power;
they are girded about with might.**

L ⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

C ⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous
signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

L ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

C ¹⁰**You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.**

L ¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

C ¹²**You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

L ¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

C ¹⁴**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁰Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' ¹⁴With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn —
and I would heal them.'

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one



who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Chris Hoch - trombone, Linda Hoch - organ

"Dear Christians, One and All" - *arr. Christopher Hoch*

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As members and fellow heirs of Jesus Christ let us all pray for each other:

A brief silence.

A We pray for all who publicly preach your word. Give them strength and courage, give them faith that your word never returns to you empty. Keep them in true doctrine and their ordination vows to the Holy Scriptures and the Augsburg Confession.

Lord in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

- A We pray for all who hold public office, that they be encouraged in the faith and knowledge that all authority comes from you. Strengthen them to do what is right and serve those they govern. We pray for the President, the Governor, members of the Armed Services, the Police, Firemen and women, those who provide Emergency Services, and all who serve the public. Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**

[The following petitions are translated by Pastor Hopman from the Ohio Synod *Gesangbuch* (Song Book) of 1970, Printed in Columbus, Ohio]

- A Eternal almighty God, we thank you for your innumerable good deeds, by which you have blessed us in body and soul without any worthiness or merit on our part. Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- A We praise you most importantly because you continue to send your blessing and life-giving word and thereby create true worship among us, although we must confess that we do not truly walk in your ways. Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- A Give and keep also all Christians on earth in pure doctrine and give true preachers, who proclaim your word with power. And help all, who hear your word, to rightly understand and believe it. Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- A Be your church's screen and shield in all needs and dangers, and let us in the church with all true Christians set our hope totally on the mercy of Christ and fight the good fight of faith, that thereby at the end of our days we receive eternal salvation. Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- A We bring also before your throne our prayer for all that concerns our earthly welfare. Rule all lands, peoples, and governments according to your will and good pleasure. Bless especially our land, its government, and its citizens, that righteousness be promoted, evil hindered and punished, that we in peaceful tranquility and proper freedom, as is fitting for Christians, might carry out our lives. Let all our schools and institutions be ordered towards your service as their goal. Make them into seedbeds of useful knowledge and true fear of God. Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**

A Turn away from us fires and floods, war and epidemics, disasters and famines. Protect and encourage everyone in their callings, offices, and work, into which you have called them. Comfort with your Holy Spirit all who are experiencing sadness and distress, poverty, sickness, the loss of a child, and other temptations, trials, and sufferings, that they recognize all as your fatherly will. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A And since we are only guests and foreigners on earth and have no abiding place here, help us to prepare for the future with true faith. And when our last hour comes stand by us with your power and take us out of death into your eternal Kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

**C 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.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Please be seated.



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

*All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.
Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.
You may receive the Communion Wine from the Red Chalice (Common Cup) as it is offered to you or by taking a communion glass from the tray.
Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided

*When giving the host and wine, the ministers say:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
And each person may respond: **Amen.***

(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" - arr. Sherri Hanson
"Let Us Break Bread Together" - arr. Thomas Manning

After all have communed, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Fugue in C Major (Jig Fugue)" - *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Dismissal: *Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service



The Installation of Pastor Nicholas Hopman will take place at the 11am service today.

Remember in our prayers... *Mary Ross, Don Slemmer, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Shawn Turnbull, Phyllis Bale*

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! *We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.*

Update from the reopening task force: No singing has been extended and will be revisited by their July 28 meeting.

Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

Church Hours: During this time, access to the church will be restricted so please contact the church office ahead of any visit, 614-882-3026.

MUSIC NOTES

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter” – arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

The text of this hymn comes from a German poem “Paul Eardmann’s Festival” written by Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) in 1782. Claudius, the son of a Lutheran pastor, was a commissioner of agriculture in Germany. The main theme of the poem is that we must cooperate with God by ploughing and sowing, but God provides the wind, sunshine and rain to bring forth the fruits. The hymn is an expression of humble and thankful hearts for all of God’s good gifts around us.

“For the Fruit of All Creation” – arr. Frank Stoldt

This “Harvest Hymn” was first published in the Roman Catholic hymnal, Praise the Lord in 1972. Written by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) a poet, hymn writer and Methodist minister, he includes several themes in the text: giving thanks for the harvest of nature; a call to share with others thus doing God’s will; and giving thanks for the harvests of the Spirit: goodness, truth and love.

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – arr. Christopher Hoch

This hymn was written by Robert Robinson, a Calvinistic Methodist minister, in 1758 for the festival of Whitsunday (Pentecost). The stanzas of the hymn reveal his deep gratitude to God for saving him from a life of dissolute living. The opening line of the 2nd stanza, “Here I raise my Ebenezer,” refers to 1 Samuel 7:12, “Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and called its name *Ebenezer*; for he said, ‘Hitherto the LORD has helped us.’”

“Dear Christians, One and All” – arr. Christopher Hoch

Pastor Hopman was asked to name a favorite hymn of his to be arranged in celebration of his installation at Grace. He selected this hymn by Martin Luther. The following are Pastor Hopman’s notes about this hymn:

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice,” was written by Martin Luther during his initial period of hymn writing in 1522-23. It is a catch-all catechetical hymn that contains a summary of Lutheran doctrine, but does so in a conversational form between God the Father and the Son, as well as the Son and the Christian. This hymn, along with others from Luther and other Lutherans, spread into territories where Lutherans were considered heretics. Tileman Heshusius, a superintendent pastor in the Lutheran Church, wrote in 1555,

I do not doubt that by this one song of Luther’s, “Dear Christians One and All Rejoice,” many hundreds of Christians have been brought to faith who would otherwise have been unable to hear Luther’s name; but the noble, precious words of

Luther have won their hearts, and compel them to acknowledge the truth, so that, in my judgment, the hymns have been no small help in spreading the Gospel. (Quoted in Christopher Boyd Brown, *Singing the Gospel: Lutheran Hymns and the Success of the Reformation* [Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2005], 16.)

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” – arr. Sherri Hansen

Handt Hanson (b. April 20, 1950) graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota in 1972 and served at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, Minnesota as their youth worker and music leader from 1973-1980 and then as director of worship and music. He writes, “‘Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil’ began its life as a part of a children’s musical called ‘Sonlove.’ The musical placed the children in a small city where the parables of Jesus came to life. The parable of the sower was told by the owner of a lawn and garden store and the song ‘Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil’ was born” (Hanson – Stulken correspondence).

“Let Us Break Bread Together” – arr. H. Thomas Manning

Originally this spiritual was a gathering song and was not associated with communion at all. Miles Mark Fisher, in *Negro Slave Songs in the United States* (1953), notes, “It is related hardly at all to holy communion, which does not necessarily require early morning administration or a devotee who faces east. Here it seems was a signal song of Virginia Negroes of the eighteenth century who used it and similar ones to convene their secret meetings.” After the Civil War, the first two stanzas of the hymn were added and it came to be used as a communion hymn.

“Fugue in C Major (Jig Fugue)” – Dietrich Buxtehude

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) is generally considered to have been the greatest of the German organists in the years preceding Bach. Born in Sweden, he spent the most important years of his life in the German town of Lubeck. His Fugue in C (Jig Fugue) may have been the inspiration for Bach’s Jig Fugue, as Bach used Buxtehude’s Preludes and Chorale melodies as models for his own writings.

YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

"Anchored, Deepening Faith in God" is this year's Vacation Bible School program. At Anchored VBS, kids will go on an underwater adventure where they'll discover that God is faithful! This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Cool Bible songs, Sea Crafts, and Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life.

Registrants will receive an email the week before VBS with VBS packet pick up information.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits now NALC Disaster Relief: Thank you to everyone who has been donating towels, combs, toothbrushes and nail clippers for Lutheran World Relief. The NALC Disaster Relief warehouse contacted us and is in need of these kits so it has been decided to switch the items to go to the NALC Disaster Response. Please continue to bring in the same items and the baskets will still be by the Welcome Center. Mary Bates, the Disaster Response Coordinator, shared that Bibles and gift cards are also needed. The gift cards can be from Walmart, Target, Home Depot etc. If you are donating a gift card please put them in Molly King's mailbox that is outside the Church office. Each kit needs:

- 2 bars of soap, 4 to 5oz, in the original wrapping
- Towels, lightweight 52x27, dark color
- Toothbrushes, adult size, in the original packaging
- Combs
- Nail clippers, metal, attached file optional

The deadline for items is Thursday, July 30th, the day before the NALC Disaster Relief stuff the truck event. Any questions see Molly King (m.king@grace43081.org)

TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will continue doing Bible Study online with Right Now Media (RNM). Our next study will be **"You'll Get Through This" by Max Lucado**. It is 6 weeks long and you can purchase the Study Guide on RNM.

With God's help, you'll get through this.

You fear you won't make it through. We all do. We fear that the depression will never lift, the yelling will never stop, the pain will never leave. In the pits, surrounded by steep walls and aching reminders, we wonder: Will this gray sky ever brighten? This load ever lighten?

In *You'll Get Through This*, pastor and New York Times best-selling author, Max Lucado offers sweet assurance. "Deliverance is to the Bible what jazz music is to Mardi Gras: bold, brassy, and everywhere." Max reminds readers God doesn't promise that getting through trials will be quick or painless. It wasn't for Joseph—tossed in a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned, forgotten and dismissed—but his Old Testament story is in the Bible for this reason: to teach us to trust God to trump evil. With the compassion of a pastor, the heart of a storyteller, and the joy of one who has seen what God can do, Max explores the story of Joseph and the truth of Genesis 50:20. What Satan intends for evil, God redeems for good.

There is a link to the study guide next to the video sessions so you can purchase it yourself. The cost of the booklet is \$7.69. The Bible study will start Wednesday, July 8 at 11:00. This will give you time to get your booklets. Respond to this email and let me know if you are interested in this study. I will need to know so I can send you the link to Go To Meeting. Contact Molly King if you are interested, m.king@grace43081.org.

AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE: The adult class led by John Westenhaver will resume meeting July 12 in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. For more information contact John at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

July Grocery List:

Flour, corn meal, sugar; canned soups; mayo, ketchup, mustard; BBQ sauce' potato, pasta, rice sides; paper towels, tissues; boxed cereals; shampoo, body wash, hand soap diaper sizes 5 & 6; baby wipes; and fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. **WHILE THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PLEASE TAKE ALL ITEMS DIRECTLY TO W.A.R.M. along with any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, July 14 we will have our March blood drive from noon until 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space. An appointment is required, please make an appointment on line at Redcrossblood.org.



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This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our webpage without having to type out a long web address.

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Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

May 2020	Pledged	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 29,852	\$ (6,815)
YTD	\$183,335	\$ 165,187	\$ (18,148)

Weekly Worship Attendance

5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 5: 8:15 am: 47, 11:00 am: 72, Total: 119

Led by the Spirit

Find the 29 **bold** words from Romans 8:12–17 (ESV).

A D O P T I O N U P G X G T F
V C C J R S A S A H E T B J N
N V C D S O I T S L I V E F W
S R F O B O V R L J D E A T H
Y L N E R D L I H C E T R P O
V S A P E D C T D C H T S I E
O S H V C W I T N E S S F O S
B R E H E R X N R L D R B C C
D E I F I R O L G E Y A L R Q
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So then, **brothers**, we are **debtors**, not to the **flesh**, to live **according** to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will **die**, but if by the **Spirit** you put to **death** the **deeds** of the **body**, you will live. For all who are **led** by the Spirit of God are **sons** of God. For you did not receive the spirit of **slavery** to **fall** back into **fear**, but you have received the Spirit of **adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, “**Abba! Father!**” The Spirit himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are **children** of God, and if children, then **heirs**—heirs of God and **fellow** heirs with **Christ**, **provided** we **suffer** with him in order that we may also be **glorified** with him.

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This Week at Grace: July 12-19, 2020

- July 12 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND INSTALLATION OF PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN**
PR NICHOLAS HOPMAN AND PR JEFF MORLOCK
8:15 am Worship Service
9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship Service/Installation of Pastor Hopman
- MON 4:00 pm VBS pack pick-up
- TUES. 10:00 am VBS pack pick-up
12:00 pm Blood Drive (Gathering Space)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- WED. 11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Online)
- THURS
- FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- SAT 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- July 19 **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
PR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
8:15 am Worship Service
9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Council Meeting (Online)
Virtual VBS Anchored begins (Online)

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