
Grace Lutheran Church

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Divine Service: Sunday 10:30 AM

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Our Vision: Welcoming people to grow in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace.

For Our Guests

Dear friend, welcome to Grace! Make yourself at home. Grace Lutheran Church is a family made up of regular, imperfect people growing in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace, rejoicing together in God's restoration and forgiveness, and celebrating our new life in Christ Jesus. If you have any questions for us, please don't hesitate to speak with an usher or the pastor.

If you're in Niagara Falls on vacation right now, thanks for coming! We pray this worship service refreshes your spirit by showing you a wonder even more beautiful than the mighty Falls He made: the depth of His amazing love for you.

If you live in the area, we pray you find comfort, peace and joy through the worship service today. We would be delighted to worship with you again, and if you don't have a church home and you'd like to become part of the Grace family, please speak with an usher or the pastor.

RESTROOMS are located in the parent's room (back of the church) and next to the parking lot door.

** I have children, and they're not always quiet. Do you mind?*

We warmly welcome children to worship just like Jesus did, and we love the liveliness they bring to the service. If your little one's crying is making you uncomfortable, there's a cry room in back for your convenience. Don't worry about coming and going if that's what you need to do. We're parents and grandparents too. We've been there and we understand!

** The plate's coming. Do I have to give an offering?*

Members of Grace have the privilege and responsibility of stewarding the mission of our congregation through generous giving. God teaches that giving comes from a joyful heart, not under compulsion. If you are visiting today, you are not expected to participate in the offering; please direct your gift to your home congregation.

** What about Holy Communion?*

Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and in other special services. We believe what Jesus says about Holy Communion: that it is His body and blood, not symbolically but actually present, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. The Bible cautions that anyone who receives Communion without this understanding will be receiving it to their great harm.

For this reason, out of sincere love, we ask that those who commune at this altar are baptized Christians who, having been instructed in the faith, regret their sins and desire to receive Christ's real Body and Blood for forgiveness, trusting in God's Word as He revealed it in Scripture. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with the pastor before you commune.


If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward for a pastoral blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail. There is non-alcoholic white wine on each tray for those who require it. Finally, those who have difficulty walking may indicate such to an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

In the timeless tradition of the Christian church, the Common Cup is offered to all. If you desire to commune using the common cup, raise your hand as the individual cups approach, then assist the Elder by holding the chalice at its base and guiding it as you receive.

Members and Guests: Please help us serve you by indicating your presence today, and any special needs, on the fellowship sheet in your bulletin & place in offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP JUNE 7, 2026

– based on Divine Service 4: LSB 203 –

This symbol () means that part of the service is found in the Lutheran Service Book hymnal.

Welcome, Announcements

Hymn of Invocation: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sin. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.
- C** **Before God and one another, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition, and so we pray: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, merciful Father, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. In Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children; therefore You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie and Gloria

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b



- C** Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle Reading

- L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel



- C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



- Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



- C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

- P** ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

📖 Hymn of the Day: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611

Sermon

📖 The Nicene Creed

Back Cover of Hymnal

Prayer of the Church

The Pastor will close each section: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,

Then please respond:

C Hear our prayer.

Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read "What about Holy Communion?" on page 2.

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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

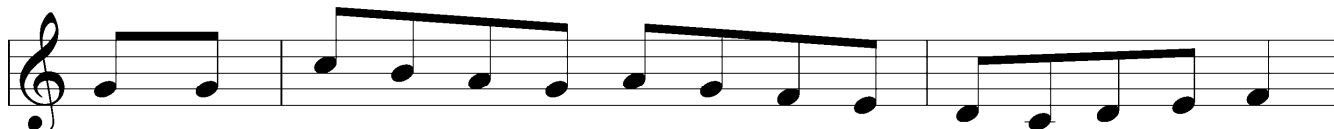
C Amen.



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

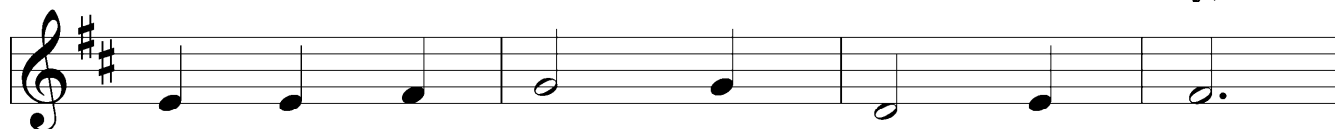
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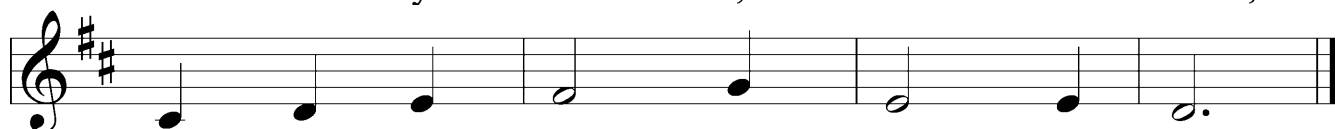
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymn:

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

LSB 609

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C** Amen.

📖 Sending Hymn: “Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

LSB 935

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THOSE ASSISTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Guest Pastor: Rev. Alan Bauch

Organist: Maye Smith

Acolytes: Dillon Deskovic & Stewert Smith

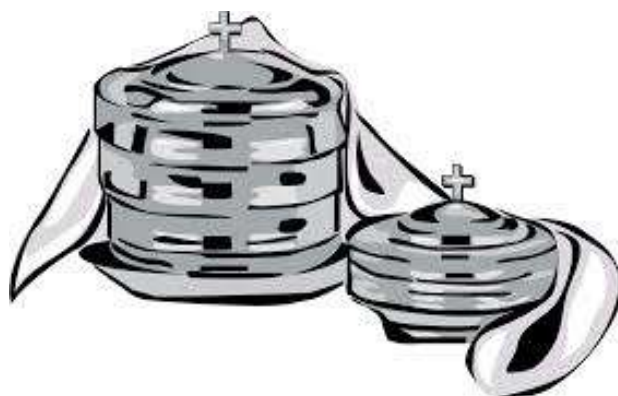
Head Ushers: Gary Krull & Ross Folmsbee

Communion Assistants: Mark Binkley & Jim Wolf

Readers: Pastor Brese & Virginia Markel

Tech Crew: Mark Binkley & John Bahr

Altar Care: Alice Moll & Luann Pyska



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY – 06/07/26

9:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Worship (HC)

MONDAY – 06/08/26

6:30 pm Survivors' Group

TUESDAY – 06/09/26

9:30 am Grace Ladies Field Trip

NEXT SUNDAY – 06/14/26

9:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Church Picnic

Statistics for the week of May 31, 2026

Worship Service: 62 Attended, 10 Views
Adult Education: 18
Youth Education: 12
Education Staff: 4

Offering: \$3,206.84
Sunday School: \$7.00
Mission of the Month: \$10.00

* Weekly budget needs \$4,206

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please submit new announcements
by **Wednesday 12pm**: office@gracenf.org.
June Office Hours 1st Sun 8:30-12:30, M/W/Th 10-2
GIVING: Options at www.gracenf.org*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are Exodus 19:2-8, Romans 5:6-15, and Matthew 9:35-10:8.

ATTENDANCE SHEETS found in the bulletin assist us in making sure that all of our members are being cared for as needed. Please fill one out EACH WEEK and place it in the offering plate.

SIGN UP TODAY: Next Sunday we will celebrate another successful year of Christian education with our annual congregational picnic after worship. Please sign up on the glass case TODAY if you plan to attend so that we can be sure to purchase enough for everyone. Hotdogs, hamburgs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. All members and friends are invited to join in this fellowship opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our summer Coffee Hour will begin on June 21 in the chapel after worship, and will continue through the summer. Please sign up on the glass case if you are willing to help by providing baked goods (homemade or purchased) or another treat. On July 26, a birthday cake will be provided to celebrate all members turning 80 or older in 2026.

TWO WEEKS REMAIN to donate to our spring mission project supporting SUMMIT LIFE CENTER in Niagara Falls. Tables are available in the narthex and chapel for donations of baby items such as clothes, blankets, diapers, wipes, and infant toiletries. If you prefer, there are also BABY BOTTLE BANKS available on the tables that can be used to donate money or checks (made out to Summit Life Center). Banks should be returned to Alice Moll or the church office by June 21. Summit supports young women and men facing unplanned pregnancies with free services, including counseling, parenting classes, support groups, community assistance referrals, and needed baby items.

JUNE MISSION ENVELOPES are designated to support Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) K9 Comfort Dog program. LCC's golden retrievers are trained to interact with people who are suffering and in need. These special dogs open doors and create opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, and presence of Jesus during times of natural or man-made disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and mass shootings. LCC never charges those they serve. This mission is supported by donations. Your donation will go directly to the training, care, and travel expenses of their K-9's. Check out the dogs' pictures at www.lutheranchurchcharities.org under "K-9 Ministries".

JUNE BIRTHDAY lists have been posted at the narthex and parking lot entrances. Check them out and offer birthday wishes to your friends at Grace.

GRACE LADIES FIELD TRIP: Meet at church at 9:30am this Tuesday, June 9th to carpool. Going to Grand Island – Orange Poppy Art Studio, Brick Oven (lunch) and Kelly's Country Store. Making a mosaic picture frame – cost is \$10 and payable at the studio. Sign-up sheet is on glass case in Chapel.



About the Cover

The Lord is extending His hand of mercy through the prophet Hosea. Even in the midst of impending judgment, the Lord promises to lift up His people. Christ Jesus has fulfilled this promise by being raised up on the third day, having already passed through God's judgment against our sin on our behalf. Now, our Lord, in His love, extends His hand to us with the promise that He will raise us up on the Last Day.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5:15–6:6

- ¹⁵I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.
- ^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD, for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
- ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Epistle: Romans 4:13–25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his

offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."