

Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Evangelical Lutheran Worship



Sunday, June 21, 2026 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Selections from Thirty Pieces Hugo Distler

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Let the Whole Creation Cry Hymn #876

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

JAMES MACMILLAN

Andante ♩ = 80

Organ

10

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

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

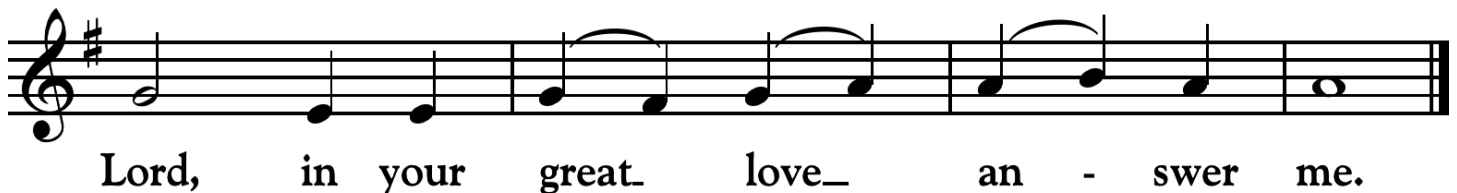
¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Refrain in honor of Venerable John Travers (†1537)



Lord, in your great love_ an - swer me.

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R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult,
and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers,
a stranger to my children,
because zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD,
for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me
with your constant help.
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness;
in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor,
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

HOMILY

Rev. Khader Khalilia

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY If You But Trust in God to Guide You *Hymn#769*

APOSTLE’S 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those who are marginalized, forgotten, and suffering. Help us to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us. Bring an end to oppression in all its forms. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.

**Please consider an offering to Redeemer-St. John's and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church by clicking at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home> or scan the QR code below.*



OFFERTORY MUSIC I Come to The Cross

Noel Dexter

OFFERTORY VERSE *Please stand.*

YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



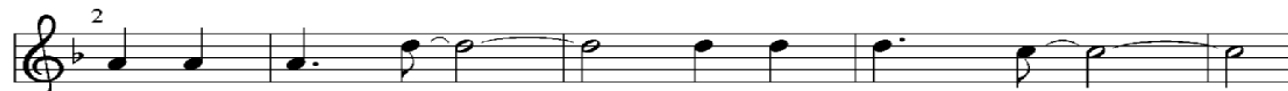
än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



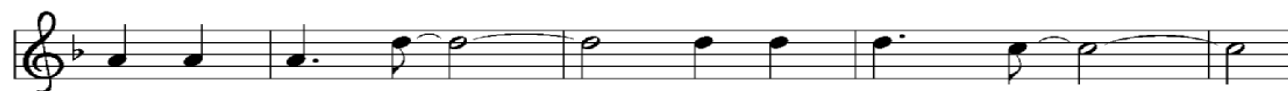
väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... We praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Sanctus

Moderato ♩ = 92-96

Organ

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

18 hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

27 in the high - est. Blessed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

OUR FATHER

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.

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Slowly **Agnus Dei**

8 Organ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on

15 **mf** us. **mp** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the organ, starting at measure 8. The second and third staves are for the voice, starting at measure 8 and 15 respectively. The organ part is marked 'Slowly' and 'mp'. The vocal parts are marked 'mp' and 'mf'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.'

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION *Please stand.*

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Faith of Our Fathers Hymn #812

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE: Selections from Thirty Pieces Hugo Distler

LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presiding and Preaching	Rev. Khader Khalilia
Assisting Minister	Deacon Eric Johnson
Crucifer	Karin Morales
Lector	Ckay Leung
Intercessor	Alice Fong
Usher	Yvonne Leung
Greeter	Evald Olsen
Director of Music	Kirsten d'Aquino
Choir	Christina Swanson
	Branch Worsham
	Jessica DeGennaro
	Lucas Mann

PARISH NOTES – June 21, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Allison Lauer, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado, Lenore Kerl, Peter Syrdahl and Ukraine and Palestine families.

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

Today, please note that we are using "Mass setting: St. Anne's Mass by James Macmillan".

"The Word In Season" devotionals for July, August and September 2026 are now available on the foyer table.

Please note: All checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.
Visit our website at gracebk.org!

Father's Day Coffee Hour will follow to honor all fathers and father figures in our community



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

The Eternal Candle for the month of June is lit in loving memory of **Matthew J. Regevik** by his family.

Memorial Fund

A donation to the memorial fund was made in memory of Peter Keifer by Barbara and Kim Richter.

Altar Paraments

A new set of white altar paraments has been ordered. In the life of the church, white paraments signify purity, holiness, joy and the glory of Christ resurrected and triumphant. White paraments are used primarily during high festival seasons like Christmas and Easter, and on special Feast Days. They also are used for baptisms, weddings and funerals to represent celebration or the hope of eternal life. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or as an expression of gratitude, to help cover the cost of these beautiful new additions to the church.

The following June donations to the Paraments Fund are gratefully acknowledged:

Miriam Milone: My donation is in loving memory of my parents: Anna Nelly and Raymond Robles and my sister, Lorraine Y. Robles.

Brenda Grandell: Given in gratitude for all that is.

250th Anniversary of the United States of America

As our nation prepares to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone – the 250th anniversary of the United States of America – we would love for our church to be part of this historic commemoration in a visible and meaningful way.

Sponsor a flag to decorate in front of the church. The flags will serve as a symbol of gratitude for the freedoms and the blessings God has bestowed upon our nation. Please see attached form at end of bulletin to make a contribution.

Blessed Birthday Wishes for JUNE to:

Walter Leong

June 21th

CABARET: A Night Of SOUND and STYLE – June 27, 2026 – 6 PM

Please join us for a fun filled night of cabaret live music with dinner and refreshments on Saturday, June 27th at 939 83rd Street (RSJ location).

Cabaret-Inspired Attire Encouraged. Please see flyer at end of today's bulletin.

Tickets: Advance: \$20 (Through June 13)

At the Door: \$25

Donations Appreciated.

Sunday School – *Please note: Will resume in September 2026.*

Virtual Bible Study – *Please note: Will resume in September 2026.*

Confirmation Class – *Please note: Will resume in September 2026.*

Weekly Events at Grace Lutheran – 6/21/2026-6/28/2026

Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – <i>In-person</i>
	1:30 pm –	Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i>

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As our nation prepares to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone
– **the 250th anniversary of the United States of America** –
Lets be a part of the Celebration!

Sponsor a beautiful American flag to display proudly as part of our country’s celebration in front of the church. The flags will serve as a symbol of gratitude for the freedoms and the blessings God has bestowed upon our nation.

I want to join in the celebration! Cost of one flag is \$10.00

In Memory of - (Please Print)

In Honor of - (Please print)

Giving thanks for - (Please print)

Total # Flags: _____

Print Name - _____

Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and mark the memo for 250th American Celebration. Attach this form and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

CABARET

LIVE MUSIC



A NIGHT OF SOUND AND STYLE

CABARET-INSPIRED ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

— SATURDAY —

JUNE
27TH

— 6 PM —

DINNER SERVED &
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

939 83RD STREET, BK, NY 11228

— TICKETS —

ADVANCE: \$20 (THROUGH JUNE 13)

AT THE DOOR: \$25

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

