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Communion Assistant: Donna Korell

July 02, 2023 Grace Alone: First Sunday of Series

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Flower Dedication: To the Glory of God in celebration of our 54th anniversary. Phil and Nancy Lewis
- · What is grace?



- Imagine Eleven:
 - o What we do together:
 - Building Community
 - Supporting Community Ministries
 - How you can help:
 - Attend Events
 - Tell Others
 - Donate
 - Thrivent Action Grants
 - Schedule for June
 - July 2: Lanham Music Rock Stars and Phil Vandel Band
 - July 9: Roger Price and Ann & Terry Brock
- Altar Flowers: Looking forward to flowers for the summer months, 2
 Sundays are currently available: July 30 and August 27. Don't forget to
 sign up on the flower chart posted outside the sanctuary if you are
 interested in sponsoring a Sunday. Please direct any questions you have
 to Nancy Lewis or Janice Harmsen.
- July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Youth Group Returns
- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Line Dancing 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- July 4; Happy Independence Day; Office Closed
- July 7: First Friday Lunch, noon; Office Closed
- July 13: No Altar Guild Summer Break

- July 15: Handclasp Articles Due
- July 18: Men's Breakfast at La Peep 7:00 a.m.
- July 25: Haven House Cooking at 3:00 p.m. Serving at 5:00 p.m.
- **July 30:** Noisy Offering; NO Fellowship Meal will resume in September
- **■** 5:00 MINUTE COUNTDOWN
- RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL
- #11 PASTOR WELCOME
- #21 SANCTUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#11 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, we know you love us so much. You loved us enough to come to earth to be with us, live with us, cry with us. You loved us enough to go to the cross to break the power that sin had over us so nothing could separate us from you. We know this, yet we will still fall short. We still give into our selfish desires and our ego to be better than others. We come before you burdened with sin and are in desperate need of your forgiveness.

Good and loving God,

Forgive us when we close our ears to the stories of pain from others and our eyes to their needs.

Forgive us when we neglect our communities because we don't care or because we don't want to deal with it.

Forgive us when we expect you to fix things and forget we are your hands. Forgive us our sins.

We are invited to silently confess our sins to God.

Because of Jesus' death, when he took away all the power of sin, we can confidently say our sins are forgiven. Find hope in this good news and be freed to go and be who God created you to be.

Amen! Let it be so.









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#11 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace,

We like to think about receiving your grace, but it's really difficult showing others that grace. We want to judge them. We want to point out all their flaws without having to be honest about our own. When we are tempted to judge others, remind us of the unending love and mercy we find comfort in from you, so we can show that same love and mercy to others.

Amen.

We are invited to stand.



#22 READING Ephesians 2:1-10

A reading from Ephesians.

¹You were dead because of your sins and offenses, ²which you committed in your allegiance both to the present age and to the ruler of the power of the air—that spirit who is even now at work among "the children of rebellion." ³And all of us were among them; we lived at the level of the flesh, following every whim of the flesh, every fancy of this age, and so by nature deserved God's wrath like the rest. ⁴But God, rich in mercy and loving us so much, ⁵brought us to life in Christ, even when we were dead in our sins. It is through this grace that we have been saved. ⁶God raised us up and, in union with Christ Jesus, gave us a place in the heavenly realm, ⁷to display in ages to come how immense are the resources of God's grace and kindness in Christ Jesus. ⁸And it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith—and even that is not of yourselves, but the gift of God. ⁹Nor is it a reward for anything that you have done, so nobody can claim the credit. ¹⁰We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to do the good things God created us to do from the beginning.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are invited to stand in body or spirit for the Gospel Acclamation because we are going to read from scriptures where Jesus, the Messiah, spoke. We show our respect by standing and our commitment by speaking John 6:68-69, "Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The holy gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 7.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said,] "Don't judge, or you yourself will be judged. ²Your judgment on others will be the judgment you receive. The measure you use will be used to measure you. ³Why do you look at the splinter in your neighbor's eye and never see the board in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me remove the splinter in your eye,' when the whole time there's a two-by-four in your own? ⁵Hypocrite! Remove the board from your own eye first; then you'll be able to see clearly to remove the splinter from your neighbor's eye.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#23 CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Sami Pfalzgraf

"I've Got Peace Like A River"

As the children come forward, we are invited to sing...

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

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CHILDREN'S CHAT SLIDE

As the children return to their seats, we are invited to sing...

- **#**13
- **#** #25
- **#** #31
- If Pastor has chosen any slides for her Sermon that week switch back to PC when she asks for them.

We are invited to stand.

■ HYMN OF THE DAY "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" John Newton Verses 1-3 ELW 779



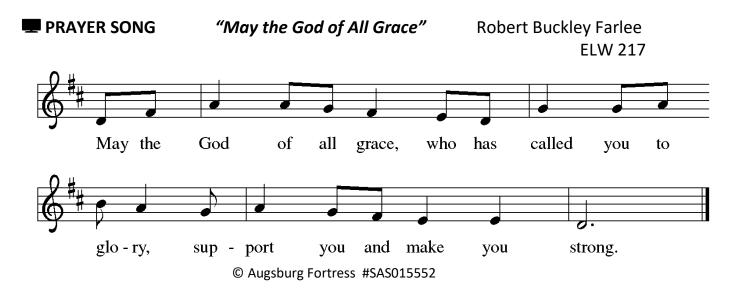
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CREED

We make a public declaration of our faith before God and one another using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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, and 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.

We are invited to sit for the prayers.



#22 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Jim Pierce

So often when we pray, we pray for ourselves, which is good. We also need to remember to pray for others and so we offer our prayer for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, make us into what you created us to be. Chisel away all those things that are not of you. And when someone sins against us, remind them that you are still working on them as well. Remind us to show them grace. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and all nations. Guide and give wisdom to all in authority. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would permeate the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief especially for those on the screen and others we name aloud and in our hearts. [PAUSE]. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

■ SLIDE: Patty Hansen (Brooke's mom), Sunshine Amthauer (daughter to Bob and Fran Lynch), Jack Pearl, Sarah W. and family, Nickie Casburn, Ron and Lynn Hunter (friends of Sharmyn Thompson), Bob Lynch, Brie Phillips (Charlotte Chirila's granddaughter), Brett Chladek and family, Karen Young, Scott Wells, friend of Jeff Langdon, Charles Newman, brother to Dave Newman, David Bezona, Greg Owen, Randi Lenander's brother, Kay Howard and family, Kevin and Becky Carlson (cousins to Kathy Wessler), Charles Frazer (Friend to Irene Wall), Loren Larkin (friend of Sharmyn Thompson), Victor Johnson (uncle of Kenny Ruff), Kim Durbin (cousin of Kenny Ruff), Floreen Johnson, Janet Ruff, Richard Palmer (husband of Debbie Ziph-Palmer and friend of Carol Wilson), Darin Hinnergardt

(friend of Jeff Langdon), Brenda Fanning (step-daughter of Dorothy Masteller), Larry Kramer (Joy Winters' brother-in-law), Pamela Kirkpatrick-Norton and family, Dorothy Masteller, Verna Kirschner, Della Schiermeyer, Carol Wilson, Rosa and Vivine Langdon (granddaughters of Kris and Jeff Langdon), Keira Wall (great-niece of Irene Wall).

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

#22 Gracious God, you are big enough and good enough to hear all prayers and so we know you hear and will answer our prayers, today. Amen.

We are invited to stand.

SHARING OF GRACE

We share grace with one another by waiving thus assuring each other our pledge to show God's unending love and forgiveness to each other. We say to each other:

I give you grace.

I give you grace.

#31 We are invited to share grace with each other.

■ ONLINE OFFERING SLIDE

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"God Of Our Fathers"

Ran Whitley

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10 Street Brass members: Trumpets: Mike Ceperly, Phil Heeler

French Horn: Sylvester Heeler
Tuba: Phil Lewis

#24 OFFERING PRAYER

After receiving your love and forgiveness, after receiving your holy word, we respond in offering to you, O God, our selves, our time and our money. We may not always be able to give the time and money we would like, but God, we give you what we can and most importantly we give you our very selves.

We pray together,

We give to you, O God, our selves, our time and our money to support your church and your mission throughout the world. Be present with those who decide how to use these offerings, that they are used for your ways and not our ways. Amen.

#14 DIALOGUE

God has prepared a sacred meal for us.

We praise you, O God.

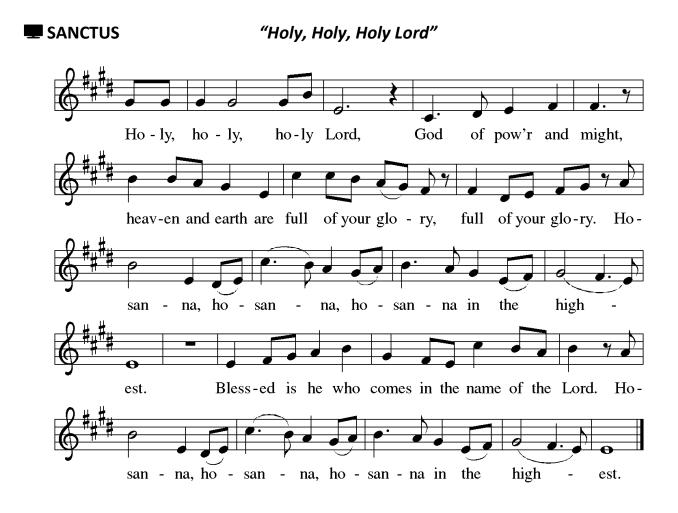
God invites us to this sacred meal; sinner and saint, wounded and healed, weak and strong.

We praise you, O God and we thank you.

PREFACE

God, you give us food to strengthen us to do the things you need us to do. This meal is sacred because your holy presence is mysteriously infused in what we eat and drink at your table. These nourish us to do your work in our church, in our community and throughout the world. In response to this gift from you, we praise your name and sing with the angels in Isaiah's vision "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." We join with the people who

shouted, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."



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#24 THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We continue to prepare ourselves to receive God's holy meal by remembering all God has done for us through Jesus Christ. God's grace did not start with the birth of Jesus. It was always present; since the beginning of all things. God's grace was further revealed to us in Jesus Christ, helping us understand that there is nothing we need to do to earn God's grace. Thus, we are freed from sin to do the important work God puts before us. This meal will nourish, strengthen, and sustain us through the presence of Jesus, to do what we are called by God to do.

Now, we ask Jesus to consecrate or make this bread and cup holy with his presence. It is not magic. It is a great mystery that has been believed and practiced since the first time we participated in this meal with Jesus...

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, blessed it, 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.

■ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen!

#24 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ is the host of this meal and Jesus welcomes all people. It doesn't matter if you're Lutheran or a member of this church. All are welcome at Jesus' table, so come.

COMMUNION VIDEOS:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-9mUDbGsEk

From The Inside Out – Hillsong CCLI #4705176

(2) Unspoken - Call It Grace (Lyric Video) - YouTube CCLI # 7012897

#21 Communion Congregation Shot

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

When we participate in this holy meal, we are connected to all who believe throughout the world. We are connected through faith, through your presence and through your mission to share your grace with all we meet. Amen.

"Free at Last" African American Spiritual **■** SENDING SONG *Refrain* All thank God al-might-y I'm free at last. free at last, Free at last, Leader Sure-ly been 'buked, If you don't know and sure - ly been scorned, that Ι been . . . re - deemed, All Leader thank God al - might - y, I'm free at last, but thank God al - might - y, I'm free last, at just still my soul is heav - en born, a fol - low down Jor - dan's me to stream, Refrain All al - might - y, thank God I'm free last. at al - might - y, thank God I'm free at last.

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#12 or #27 or #32 to show Praise Team singing

#24 BLESSING

In the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our sustainer, we are sent out into a world that doesn't always show us grace, and so we respond by blessing others with God's unending love and mercy.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in grace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

- #33 shows congregation leaving and Praise Team singing
- Online viewers "Thank You" slide.