



Pentecost 4  
July 3, 2022

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Making Christ Known to all Through Grace*

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### WELCOME to worship

Grace Lutheran Church, a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been at the heart of the faith community in Lincoln since 1889.

- We follow our mission: "Making Christ known to all through Grace."
- We celebrate our purpose: "That by God's grace we have been gathered to worship, called to witness, and sent to serve."
- We seek our vision: "To become a church with a passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging."

Thank you for worshipping with us today and join our community at any time!

### WORSHIP notes

Remember your response is marked in **BOLD** font.

**Hearing enhancement devices** are available near the welcome table. Ask an usher to assist you.

**Restrooms** are located next to our chapel on the other side of the courtyard.

**Masks** are no longer required or recommended for everyone during worship. If you need to or want to wear a mask then please do so.

Please remember to **enter** the building through the **Atrium doors**. These doors will be locked at fifteen minutes past the hour. All other **doors will be locked**.

### INTRODUCTION to worship

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

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### GATHERING

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

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### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is", *St. Columba*, Henry William Baker, arr. C. S. Lang.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN ELW 663

#### Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord;  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



tell how his own Son he gave, all from sin and death to save.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, 1704

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### 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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

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### SIT

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup>For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: 66:1-9

A responsive reading from Psalm 66:

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## Psalm Prayer

God of awesome deeds and unfailing love, you bring your people through the waters of salvation to the shores of new life. Hear our prayer, receive the praise we offer, and loosen our tongues to tell with joy the great things you have done for us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Second Reading: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

A reading from Galatians:

[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

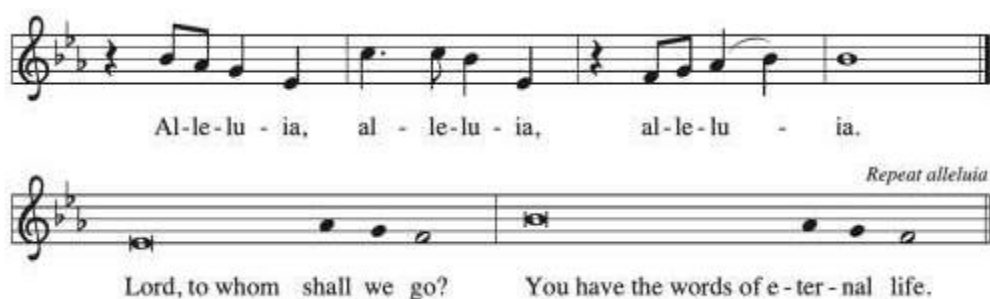
<sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us

work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

STAND

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

<sup>11</sup>“Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” <sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

*SIT*

**SERMON**

*STAND*

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 579**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: “Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: “In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea-sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you

preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,  
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*  
With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

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Music: ABBOT’S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991  
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## APOSTLE'S 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.  
*A brief silence.*

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to  
all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for  
missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate  
scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate  
humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, **hear our  
prayer.**

You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and  
work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war,  
poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you (*especially Thomas the Apostle, whom we remember today*). Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

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#### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

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*SIT*

**MUSIC OFFERING** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens", *Holy Manna*, William Moore, *Southern Harmony*, arr. Anne Krentz Organ, 2000.

*STAND*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

#### DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*SIT*

## AGNUS DEI



## COMMUNION

*All are welcome. Come forward by way of the center aisle and stand (pilgrim style) to receive the wafer (Body of Christ) and the cup (Blood of Christ). Gluten free is available upon request. Grape juice is available upon request. Return to your pew by way of the side aisle. Please dispose your used cup into the basket at the head of the side aisle.*

## COMMUNION HYMN ELW 580

### How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - fresh - ed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## STAND

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

*God sends us in mission to the world.*

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### SENDING HYMN ELW 575

#### In Christ Called to Baptize



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
Music: St. DENIO, Welsh traditional  
Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press

### BLESSING

The God of peace, Father,  $\text{✠}$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”, *Abbott’s Leigh*, setting by Kimberly Kondal Patterson

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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Worship Leader:	Jacob Krueger, Pr. Glatha Rathjen
Organist/Pianist:	Anne Melang-Thoren
Reader:	Charlyne Berens
Communion Assistants:	Denny & Charlyne Berens
Bread:	Chris & Wendy Apple
Altar Guild:	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher
Ushers:	Lori Drake, Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Little Food Pantry

Grace's Social Ministry Committee is making it possible to conveniently donate items for the "Little Free Pantry" located outside The Gathering Place at 1448 E Street. Any non-perishable food, as well as personal care items, can be left at the designated spot in the church's entryway to the atrium, and are later transported to the pantry.

### Coffee Hour

A signup book for hosting a coffee hour is found outside the office.

### Prayers

- Prayers of healing & comfort for Anne Melang-Thoren's mother-in-law, Barbie Creveling.
- Prayers of healing & comfort for Shirley Smicek.
- Prayers of healing & comfort for Lali Sage, David Sage's wife.
- Prayers of healing & comfort for Kathie Remington.
- Prayers of strength, trust, & guidance for Pat Lickei.
- Prayers of strength, trust, & guidance for Larry Stotts.
- Prayers for peace in **Ukraine**. Please note **refugee donation sheets** on the welcome table.

**Green attendance cards** can be filled out and returned to the Offering basket in the front of the church after worship or the Welcome Table basket on the top of the atrium stairs.

### Devotional Booklets

Are now available on the Welcome Table or on the Atrium Table.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

July 4:  
Office closed.

July 5:  
Al-Anon 9:30 am  
Lessons 4:00 pm  
Cub Scouts 6:30 pm

July 6:  
Lincoln Literacy 9:15 am

July 7:  
Quilting Club 9:00 am

July 8:

July 9:

July 10:  
Worship 9:00 am  
Fellowship 10:00 am

## Upcoming Commemorations

### Thomas, Apostle

#### Sunday, July 3, 2022

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

### Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

#### Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.



