

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church June 22nd, 2025 Founded 1924

Standing in the Face of Testing and Temptation

James 1: 12-18

~Preservice Music: "Good God Almighty", "My Jesus"

#### ~Welcome and Announcements

~Prayers of the Day

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

~Prayer of Invitation:

P: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
C: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them-he remains faithful forever.
P: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
C: The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

*P:* The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. *ALL: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.* 

~Hymn of Praise: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

~Confession of Our Sins:

ALL: Lord, You are perfectly loving and all-giving. I fall so short of Your standard! Please forgive me! Help me to look at others and see who you see. Help me to respond to others with dignity, honor, kindness and love as you do, regardless of their position or economic status. When I am judgmental, bring conviction and correction to my heart. Purify me in Your grace that sees beyond any external appearance. Make me more like You! Father, open my eyes each day to see opportunities where my faith can become action. Show me, Lord, where I can be more effective for you for the sake of Your glory and honor. Make me more like You! Help me live Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

~Absolution

~Readings: *Psalm 8: 1-9* James 1: 12-18 John 16: 12-15

~Prayer:

ALL: Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead. Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise: "10,000 Reasons"

**~Sermon:** *"Standing in the Face of Testing and Temptation"* -James 1: 12-18

~Apostles' Creed

~Offering

#### ~Prayer:

ALL: Holy One, we call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches. You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people. You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy. You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace. In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others. Abide with us this day, that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

~The Lord's Prayer

#### ~Communion

~Hymn of Praise:

"Come, Jesus, Come", "Seek Ye First"

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise: "Lay Me Down"

**P:** We are God's People, rooted in faith, living in Christ, now sent to serve. Go in peace, love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

If you would like anything added to the bulletin for the week please contact the office by Thursday every week by Phone: 814-362-3244 email: glmoffice@agraceplace.org or stop in during business hours.

Pray for Our Families	
The families of Grace that we will keep in our	
prayers this week are: Donna Abrams	
Betty Jean Austin	
Boni Barker	
Remember to keep our Grace Family and the CLC in	
your daily prayers. Pray for This Week's Ministry:	
Church Staff	
Happenings This Week	
June 23rd -	Firm Foundations 3:30pm
June 24th -	Firm Foundations 3:30pm
	Archery @ CLC Grades 5th-12th
June 25th -	Firm Foundations 3:30pm
	Deep Roots 5pm
June 26th -	Firm Foundations 3:30pm
	Grace out Loud 5:30pm
June 27th -	Friday Night Lights @ CLC 6pm
June 28th -	CLC Reunion @ CLC
June Service Schedule	
	Reader: Laura Keesler
	Prayers: Dana DiBlasi
June Altar Guild:	5
June Counters:	Laura Keesler & Barb Steinhauer

### Month of June Crackers & Water

Please place your donations in the red bin. All proceeds to benefit 'Bradford Destinations'

The **July and August newsletter** will be combined. If you would like anything added to it, please send it to the secretary at glmoffice@agraceplace.org or leave on the desk in the office by June 25th, 2025. Thank You!

Lord, I pray for a peaceful summer, free from stress and worry. Help me to rest in Your presence and trust in Your provision. When challenges arise, remind me that You are in control. May Your peace reign in my heart and overflow to those around me. Amen.

"You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand." Psalm 16:11

> Office Hours: Summer Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-2pm.

June 15th, 2025 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 50

Recycling:

Giving: \$3,249.00

**Destinations:** 

## Holy Communion

We believe that Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, is a Sacrament of God, instituted by Christ Himself, giving and sealing the gift of forgiveness to those who believe and follow Him.

To help you to decide if you would like to join your brothers and sisters at the Communion table, ask yourself the following questions:

- 1.) Have I been baptized with water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?
- 2.) Do I believe the Good News of Jesus' victory over sin and death on the cross for me?
- 3.) Do I recognize the Body and Blood of Christ in and with the bread and wine of Communion given for me for the forgiveness of sins?

If you said 'yes' to each of these questions and desire Holy Communion, the Lord welcomes you to His Holy Supper.

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