



**Welcome to  
Grace Lutheran Church  
June 7th, 2026  
Founded 1924**

**I DESIRE  
MERCY  
NOT SACRIFICE**

**MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26**

**~Preservice Music: “More Love, More Power”  
“One Thing Remains”**

**~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:**

*Do good to your servant according to your word, LORD. Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.*

***Psalm 119: 65-72***

**~Hymn of Praise: “Indescribable”**

## **~Confession of Sins:**

*P: Jesus said, Come to me, all you who are tired, who are worn out from carrying heavy burdens. Put down the heavy load that you are carrying, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*C: God, we confess that we don't always understand our own actions. We clearly know what is right—what you expect of us—but we don't always do it. We also clearly know what is wrong—the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you—but we do these things anyway. Forgive us! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, set us free from the sin that controls us.*

*P: People of God, know this: Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. When we stumble, he is there to catch us; when we are weighed down, he is there to lift us up. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven.*

## **~Absolution**

### **~Readings:**

*Hosea 5:15-16*

*Romans 4:13-25*

*Matthew 9:9-13*

### **~Prayer:**

*Generous God, You are the source of all life, creating and sustaining every living thing. You are the source of all food, material and spiritual, nourishing us in both body and soul.*

*You are the light that goes before us, shining into the darkness. May we be filled with your breath, Nourished by your food, Renewed by your living water, and sustained by your love.*

~Hymn of Praise: “Unfailing Love”

~Sermon

~Nicene Creed

~Tithes and Offerings

~Prayer:

*When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.*

*(Common English Bible)*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

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*Holy Spirit, making life alive, moving in all things, root of all being, cleansing the cosmos of every impurity, effacing guilt, anointing wounds. You are lustrous and praiseworthy life, you waken and re-awaken everything that is.*

*(Hildegard of Bingen)*

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *"Potter's Hands"*  
*"Change My Heart, O God"*

~Prayer of Thanks:

*Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and by Your Spirit conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise: *"In Jesus' Name"*

## **Pray for Our Families**

The families of Grace that we will keep in our prayers this week are: **Jim & Mary Paterniti**

**Diana Lynn Neil**

**Stephen & Katie Nicole**

Remember to keep our **Grace Family** and the **CLC** in your daily prayers. Pray for This Week's Ministry:

**Pastor & Family**

## **Happenings This Week**

**June 8th -** Firm Foundations 1-4pm

**June 9th -** Firm Foundations 1-4pm  
**Council Meeting 6pm**

**June 10th -** Firm Foundations 1-4pm  
Deep Roots 2:30pm

**June 11th -** Firm Foundations 1-4pm  
Grace out Loud 5:30pm

## **June Service Schedule**

**Reader:** Laura Keesler

**Prayers:** Dana DiBlasi

**June Altar Guild:** Dana DiBlasi & Amber Mays

**June Counters:** Al & Amy Dexter

## DESTINATIONS MONTHLY DONATIONS

JUNE



**POPTARTS + WATER**  
Place donations in the  
**RED** bin.



### Home Prayers For Our Grace Family

is a new ministry to strengthen our daily, personal prayer time for our Grace family. There are ex-

**Blue chairs for sale!**  
\$10 a piece or 3 for \$25

Please see a Council member,  
Mike Verbocy or call the office.



If you would like anything added to the weekly Sunday bulletins please e-mail, call, or leave a note in the office by Thursday of every week. Thank You!

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-2pm.

### May 31st, 2026 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 59

Recycling: \$37.00

Giving: \$1,982.22

Destinations: \$7.64



## 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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