

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
July 20, 2014

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, through Holy Baptism You have planted me in Your kingdom by Your grace and called me to bear fruit as Your disciple. By the power of Your Holy Spirit keep me steadfast in my faith and the life that flows from my faith to give glory to You as I share the hope that is mine through Your suffering, death and resurrection. Then take me to Yourself for eternity where I will reflect Your glory. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! It is our prayer that in this short time Your faith will be strengthened through the powerful faith-creating and faith-sustaining Word of God. We especially extend a word of welcome to those visiting with us today. If you are not a member of Grace and wish to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word please speak with our Pastor. **We are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.**

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

While we wait for that day when the Lord will call us to the place that He has prepared for us, we need strength to help us as we are confronted by the temptations and tribulations of this life. As we live out our lives here on earth as part of the Body of Christ we must realize that we are beset with so many problems that we are tempted to weed out the troublemakers and dispense with the problems they cause. But Jesus gives us a lesson from the field this morning pointing out to us that just as weeds and wheat plants look similar at first, we cannot truly tell who is serving Christ and who is serving self in opposition to Christ. The lesson is that we dare not hurt the wheat in an effort to get rid of those who seem to be "weedy" Christians. We are told to wait until the harvest, and then it is up to God's appointed reapers to do the separating of the wheat and the tares. With confidence we can know that the Lord will keep us in the faith He has given to us until that day we will shine like the sun in the kingdom of our Father, reflecting His glory.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Harold and Elwanda Wells in memory of Harold's mother Mrs. Edith Wells and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beehe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Lily Woodyard
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert, Sam Cate Dennis Fastenau, Paul Nichols
Greeter:	(8:15)	Ed and Susan Mahnken
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Angie Proud and Pat Funk
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Claire Hammond
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Kurt Shrader
Ushers:	(10:45)	David Faulkner, Cole Hill Wes Mainard, Chris Pils
Greeters:	(10:45)	Kurt, Rose and Evelyn Shrader
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Lou Alice May
Clarinet:		Randy Middaugh
Euphonium:		Paul Walter
Coffee Hosts:		
Altar Guild: (Wed. evening)		Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, July 27th, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9, The Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39, and The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Crown Him with Many Crowns - John A. Behnke

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Ornament of Grace - Bernard Wayne Sanders

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have

sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

Absolution

John 20:19–23

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 86:11–15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6

P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C listen to my plea for grace.

P Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

C unite my heart to fear your name.

P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C and I will glorify your name forever.

P For great is your steadfast love toward me;

C you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

P O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C and they do not set you before them.

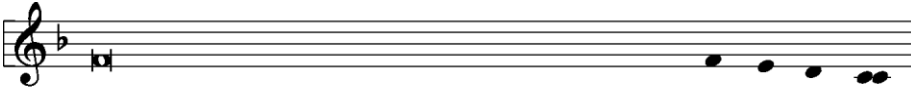
P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen

P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

C listen to my plea for grace.



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.




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

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

- C** **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen**



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: Your Table I Approach
Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 628
LSB 809
LSB 892

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn: Father, We Thank Thee

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Postlude

Father, We Thank Thee - Michael Beyer



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Matins
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
- TUESDAY:** 12:00 noon – Fellowship Club
6:00 p.m. – Board of Church Properties
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion

TODAY SUNDAY SCHOOL, “Revealing H₂O! John the Baptist” is the focus of this week’s lesson. Students will celebrate the richness of God’s love, which Jesus poured out for us by taking our sins upon Himself and washing them away in His death on the cross.. Help students celebrate by reviewing the details of their own Baptism.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter is leading a study of the Letter to the Hebrews, and today he continues with the section on chapter six of Hebrews.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Joan Ann Olsen continues her recovery at home.
Rudy Bischof receives successful treatment and good test results.
The Worden family continues recovery after a tornado severely damaged their home.
Grant Geuther continues to recover at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

July 20 – Kara Mainard, Stephanie Renard
July 22 – Tim Loyd, Betty Schonert, Ann Stoker
July 25 – Caleb Stein, Paula Walter
July 26 – Hannah McIntyre

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

July 22 – Jennifer and Michael Morrison

July 24 – Mary Kathryn and Charles Stein

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 7/6: 139 (8:15 – 62 and 10:45 – 77). Mid-Week Service 7/16: 8. **Offerings:** Sunday 7/6: \$7,508.00. Mid-Week Service 7/2: \$240.00. Missions: \$200.00. Memorials: \$270.00. Building Fund: \$540.00. Scholarship Fund: \$150.00.

CONGRATULATIONS to John and Megan Calvillo on the birth of their daughter Avery Jo Calvillo who was born Thursday, July 17th, at Baptist Medical Center. Avery has a 'big brother' Jonas. Congratulations and God's blessings to the Calvillo family.

GRACE MASTER PLAN - We will have another opportunity on **Thursday, July 31st, at 6:00 p.m.** to attend the presentation to discuss the Master Plan for our property. We are asking that everyone come and see the preliminary plans and get your questions answered. We are looking to bring these plans to the Voters sometime this fall. Please come and make your comments heard on this important issue. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the easel on the bridge for the July 31st meeting or you can call the church office to let us know you are coming. We will NOT hold the meeting if no one signs up.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP is a great opportunity for getting to know our visitors or someone you haven't met before, but **we need volunteers to serve**, especially for the **upcoming Sundays in July and August**. Check these dates on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Parlor. **Please sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve.** Thank you for volunteering!!

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES will meet on **Tuesday, July 22nd**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Charles Stein is the director. **BOARD OF ENDOWMENT** will meet on **Tuesday, July 29th**, at 6:00 p.m. Rudy Bischof is the director.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, July 22nd**, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. Join us for fellowship and lunch served by our ACTS friends. Call the church office if you have questions.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ANN BENSON

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Warren and Judy Rivers

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND

By Gary and Angie Proud

IN MEMORY OF MR. CARL BURGESS

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Mildred Burgess

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SHERRY BISCHOF

TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND

By Rudy Bischof

IN MEMORY OF MR. THOMAS HOLTER – Great-nephew of Marietta Gutierrez

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Irvin and Sherry Clawitter

IN MEMORY OF DR. RICHARD MYERS –Uncle of Dawn Cline

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IN MEMORY OF MR. TOMMIE WIGGINS – Nephew of Warren Rivers

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IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY LOU HALL – Mother of Travis Starr

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**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES (DCFS)**

Grace continues to support the foster care program in the East Office of DCFS. Some of the items they need for the children coming into their office include:

Diapers all sizes

Wipes

Boxes of Kleenex

Snacks: pop tarts, crackers, cookies, juice

Microwavable: ravioli, spaghetti, macaroni

If you can help provide any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them by the box for DCFS which is on the bridge. For more information, contact the church office or any Board of Evangelism member.