

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
June 26, 2016

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You have freed me from sin and death so that I might live for You and my neighbor by Your Spirit's power. Through the Gospel keep me in Your protective care so that I do not become self-centered but that I remain centered in You, showing forth Your love to others, especially to those who do not know You as Lord and Savior. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen

WELCOME

We welcome you this morning to Grace! It is our prayer that the Lord bless your time with us this morning as you hear His Word and respond with hymns, praise and thanksgiving as your faith's response to the Good News of forgiveness and life. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word, please speak with our Pastor. **Once again 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. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need. If you have any questions please speak with an Usher or Greeter.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 8:15 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

As citizens of this country we cherish our freedoms and we resist those who would take them from us. We recognize that many have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedoms and we give thanks for those who continue to serve in defense of our nation. As Christians, citizens of the kingdom of God, we are called to freedom and we are also called to serve. We recognize that One died so that all might live. We have been freed from sin and its curse through the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our Baptisms we were called to be His disciples. We were called to live by the Spirit whose work is to call us by the Gospel and enlighten us with the gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation earned by Jesus. Therefore as we live in the freedom freely given to us we are encouraged by St. Paul to use our freedom to serve our neighbor, loving him as we love ourselves, in light of the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Grady and Jo Hanna Worden in celebration of their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on June 27th and in thanksgiving for many blessings received.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Organist:		Dr. Jess Anthony
Choir Director:		Matthew Golladay
Piano Accompanist:		Carly Golladay
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	James Junkans
Cantor:	(8:15)	Chuck Fandrei
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Brad Schnackenberg
Ushers:	(8:15)	Robert Jones, Robert Nichols, Robert Wilimzig
Greeters:	(8:15)	Joel and Gina Junkans
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Jim and Judy Keppel
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Sydney Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jonathan Cline
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger
		Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	(10:45)	Ann Stoker, Cynthia and Owen McCrory,
		Lindsay and Fred Zweifel
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross
Coffee Hosts:		Warren and Judy Rivers
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle
Nursery Attendant:		Emily Junkans

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – The appointed readings for next Sunday, July 3rd, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14; The Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; and The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-20.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Wondrous Love – Dale Wood

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

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

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

Absolution (8:15)

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**

Declaration of Grace (10:45)

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C **and grant us your salvation.**

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C **for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C **that glory may dwell in our land.**

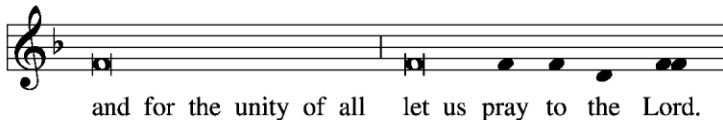
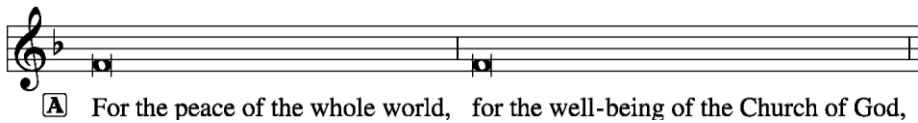
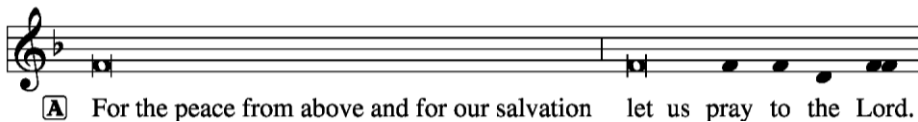
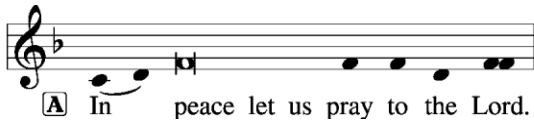
P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

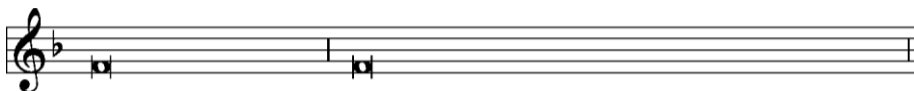
C **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

- P** Righteousness will go before him
C and make his footsteps a way.
- 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** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
C and grant us your salvation.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





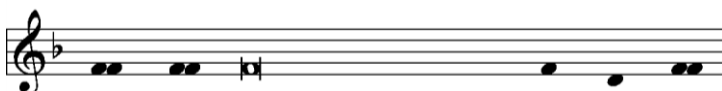
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



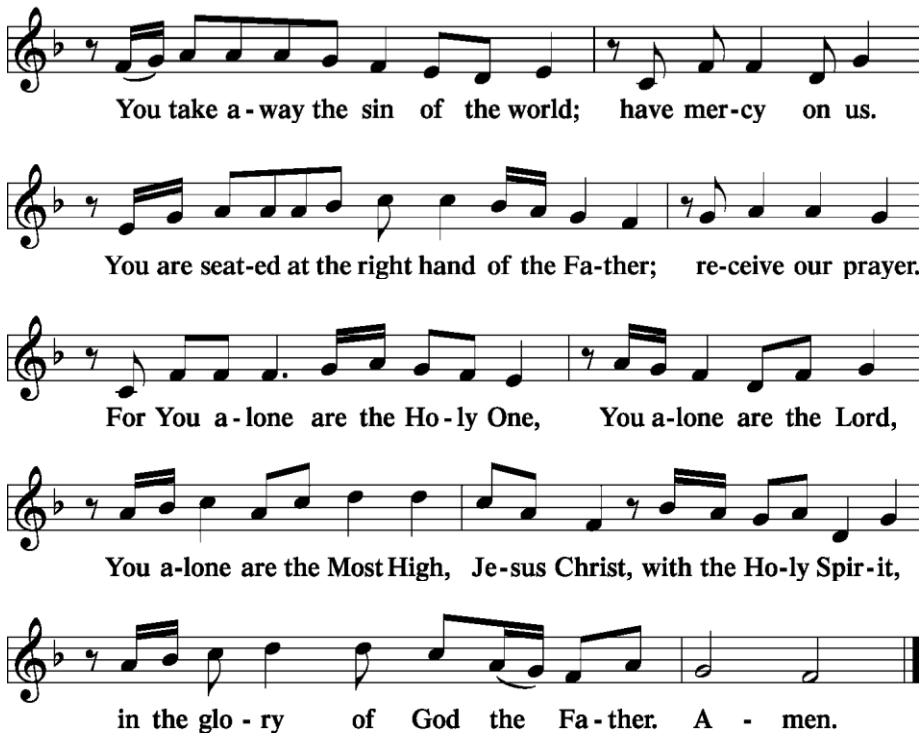
C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9b–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.



How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
and their words to the ends | of the world.

Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

P This is the Word of the Lord.

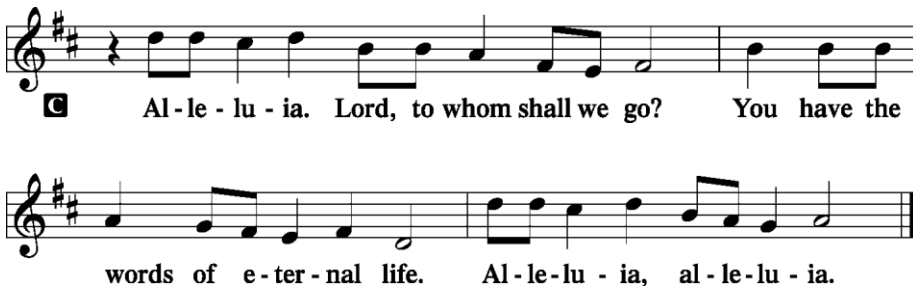
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Luke 9:51

P Alleluia. When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

Sermon

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

“Freed to Serve”

Stand

Nicene Creed (8:15)

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

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen

Sit

Offering

He remembering His Mercy has helped His servant Israel – Marcel Dupre

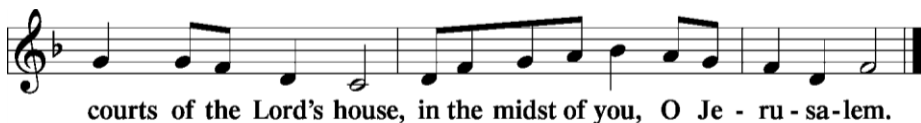
Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the

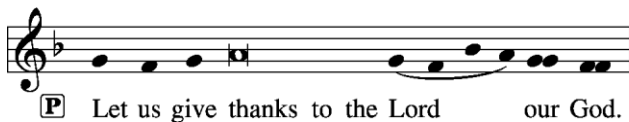


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Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

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

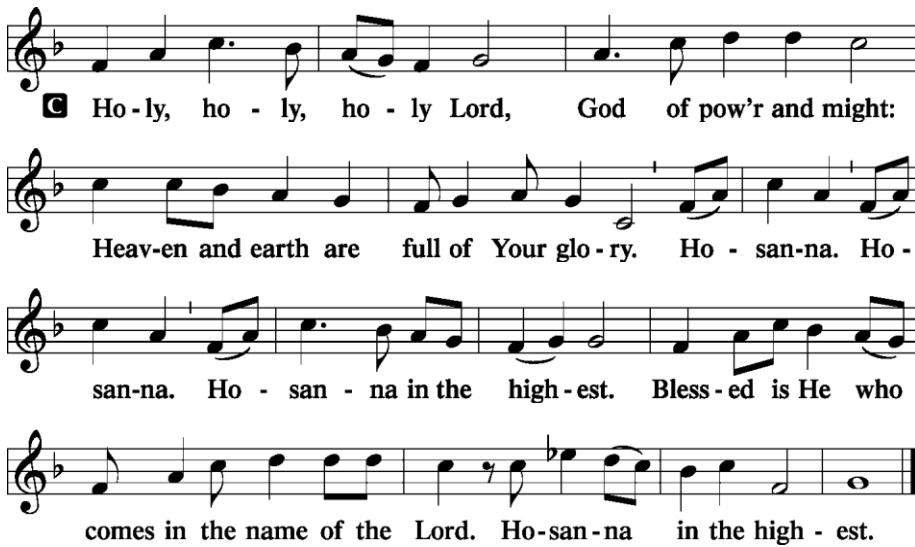


Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- 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.”

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.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

Hymn: How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703

Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

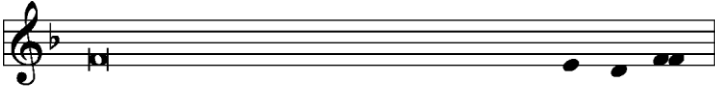
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

Postlude

How Fair and Pleasant art Thou – Marcel Dupre



Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Closing Collect

- P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
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

MON - FRI: 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)

MONDAY: 7:00 p.m. – Voters’ Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - Today, the Sunday School classes learned about “Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray.” Jesus taught His disciples and followers the Lord’s Prayer to show them how to pray. God invites us to talk to Him using this same prayer today. As a family, discuss, *“What is the first prayer you learned?” “When could we pray together as a family?”*

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 classrooms downstairs in the church.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter is leading a study on St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans and today will begin **Lesson 11 “Living Sacrifices” – (Romans 12).**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Alex Roberts continues her recovery following surgery.
Carolyn Moorman is hospitalized at Baptist Medical Center.
Warren Rivers continues his recovery at home.
Irvin Clawitter is in hospice care at Colonel Glenn Nursing Home.
Dennis Fastenau is continuing his treatments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

June 27 – Gary Proud
June 29 – Dave Graf
June 30 – Philip Bemberg, Donna Langlais, Michael Litwa

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

June 27 – Jo Hanna and Grady Worden

June 30 – Amber and David Solomon

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 6/19: 200 (8:15 – 90 and 10:45 – 110). Mid-Week 6/22: 11. **Offerings:** Sunday 6/19: \$7,629.00. Mid-Week 6/15: \$710.00. Memorials: \$245.00. Building Fund: \$145.00.

CONGRATULATIONS to David and Megan Proud Reeves on the birth of their son Oscar Thomas on Friday, June 17th. Oscar has a brother Max and his grandparents are Gary and Angie Proud.

VOTERS' MEETING will be **Monday June 27th**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Assistant Executive Director Tim Loyd will lead the meeting.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotion books are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy today.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - The sign-up sheet to serve refreshments for any Sunday in July, August or September is on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve. Thanks for volunteering to serve!!

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. TENNIE ROBINSON – Mother of Sharon LeBlanc
TO THE GENERAL FUND

By Gary and Paulette Goldsby

TO THE BUILDING FUND

By Joe and Debbie Craig

TO THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Rudy and JoAnn Bischof

IN MEMORY OF HARVEY HOLZHAUER – Grandfather of Lyndsey Dilks
TO THE BUILDING FUND

By Joe and Debbie Craig

IN MEMORY OF GARY LANGLAIS
TO MISSIONS

By Donna Langlais