



Welcome to

## Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,  
live with love, and go to serve.



### Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

### Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

### Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at [graceriverforest.org](http://graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

## **Welcome to Grace**

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

## **Children's Resources**

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## **Nursery Care**

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

## **Holy Communion**

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

## **Assistance in Worship**

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

## **Electronic Devices**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

## **Grace Council Statement on Racism**

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## **Altar Flowers**

Flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please stop by the front desk for more details.

## **As We Gather**

Today is Youth Sunday, and we celebrate and give thanks for the many gifts our youth bring to the Grace Lutheran Church and School community. Our youth will take on leadership roles throughout worship this morning. Owen Augustine, a student at Notre Dame University, will be proclaiming God's Word to us in the sermon. Our life together at Grace is enriched and enlivened by our youth, and it is a true blessing to grow in faith together. May the Triune God continue to strengthen our connections and our ministries at Grace and beyond!



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Two Settings: LOBE DEN HERREN

Helmut Walcha and Paul Manz

*We stand.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

We face the cross in procession.

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(green) **LBW #543**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertes Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

**APOSTOLIC 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**



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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being.  
By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world,  
and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 50:7–15

Linda Cable Shute

ANTIPHON: To those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.

- ℣ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am | God, your God.
- ☞ **I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are al- | ways before me.**
- ℣ I will not accept a calf | from your stalls,  
nor goats | from your pens;
- ☞ **for all the wild animals of the for- | est are mine,  
the cattle on a | thousand hills.**
- ℣ I know every bird | of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the | fields are mine.
- ☞ **If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.**
- ℣ Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls,  
or drink the | blood of goats?
- ☞ **Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to | the Most High.**
- ℣ Call upon me in the | day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me."



## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13–25

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*


**GOSPEL VERSE:** Luke 4:18

Wayne L. Wold

*We join in singing the following refrain before and after the proper verse.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

℣ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
and has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

Owen Augustine



*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*(green)* **LBW #290**



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the head.  
and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet - ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

*We stand.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**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.**

# ✠ MEAL ✠

## PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

James Biery

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE

☑ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**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.

**P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Ⓟ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Ⓞ **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 gifts of God for the people of God.

Ⓞ **Thanks be to God.**

Ⓟ Come, for all is now ready

*We sit.*

### AGNUS DEI



Ⓞ 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.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.  
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,  
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread  
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.  
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

**Anointing with oil for healing** *is offered during the distribution of communion.  
After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle  
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or  
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**ANTHEM:** Set Me as a Seal

Michael John Trotta

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
Set me as a seal upon your arm.  
For love is as strong as death!

Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can floods drown it.  
Love is stronger than death.



# HYMN: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

(blue) **WOV #703**



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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*We stand.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

**A** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**P** Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: O Christ, your Heart, Compassionate

ELW #722



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Chorale Prelude on ELLACOMBE

Michael D. Costello

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
Owen Augustine, preaching minister  
Ryan Koehne, assisting minister  
Dan Lehmann, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Gwen Gotsch, soloist

Paul Nelson, Luci Ramirez, lectors  
Mae Hutton, Juliet Krischke, crucifer/book bearer  
Grant Kuipers, Julie Modrich, gift bearers  
Barbara Hofmaier, Bob Jandeska, anointer

Thomas Ewert, Eliza Grahnke, Evie Hasenbalg, Mary Rasmusson, Adrienne Ruhle-May, ushers  
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## LET US PRAY...

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### Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)  
Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)  
Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)  
Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)  
Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)  
Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)  
Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)  
Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## Those studying abroad

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

## Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

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Name	High School	What's Next?
Blythe Linden Balock	Walther	Kenyon College
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Julia Grace Henderson	OPRF	Texas Christian University (TCU)
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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### TODAY, JUNE 7

**Worship – Holy Communion** ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Summer Coffee Hour (Atrium) ..... 11:15 p.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

Finance Committee (Virtual)..... 7:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Library Work Day (Church Library)..... 1:00 p.m.  
Elementary Ed Committee (1902 Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Finding Hope (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.

**David R. Lyle**, Senior Pastor  
**Troy E. Medlin**, Associate Pastor  
**F. Dean Lueking**, Pastor Emeritus  
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