

Peace song refrain: (sung together quietly)

*“Christ Be Our Light, Shine in Our Hearts,
Shine Through the Darkness, Christ Be Our Light,
Shine in Your Church, Gathered Today.”*

***Blessing**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (see insert)

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

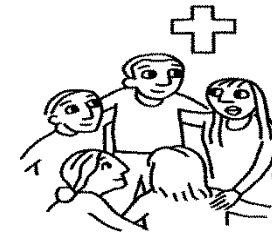
Postlude: “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Participants in the Service

Preaching: Pastor David Penman
Minister of Music: Kevin Freaney
Lay Leader: Frank Stone
Ushers: Dave Kunkel and Kay Stone
Lector: Richard Badman

Newly called Pastor, beginning July 5th:
The Rev. Nancy Raabe
Stepping Stones, Director: Jessica Moran
Office Administrator: Lynn Fasick

Grace Lutheran Church



Sunday, July 4th, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*) indicate times the congregation may stand as able to do so.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: ‘Tis a gift to be simple

***Greeting**

P We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***Dialog:**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 6th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

* Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Pastor Penman (video)

Hymn: “God Bless Our Native Land” (see insert)

*Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Remaining in place, let us acknowledge God’s
Peace with those seated near us.