



**Matthew 13:24-30**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 20, 2014

the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and hour activities between services.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**A nursery is available** if your children become restless during service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one at the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is held in the Gathering Hall.

**Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord's Table and receive Holy Communion. Children ages 3 and above are welcome at the parents' discretion, after meeting with the pastor. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Try to sit by the aisle and the pastor will commune you at the pew.

**When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip it into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and separate glass chalices are available by request on the left when facing altar.

**When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. Communion is gluten free.

Starker Ministries is a one-to-one evangelizing ministry.

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*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think v make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

**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 ordaine minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore decl to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Fathe and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn** "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"

**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

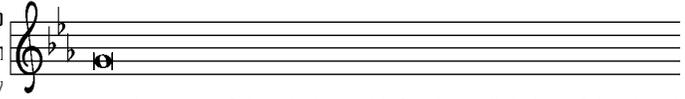
**Kyrie**



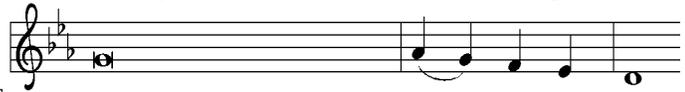
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to



Lord, have mer - cy.



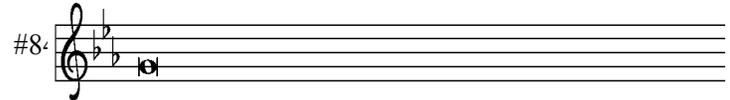
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and p



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord. have mer - cy.

A - men, a - men.

### Canticle of Praise

### Prayer of the Day

**C:** Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for you with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Please be seated*

Amen.

### Children's Sermon

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

### The Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the re-creation, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us free from bondage to death and decay.*

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh — <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Special Music

Adam Dostalík

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

L: My word shall accomplish that<sup>1</sup> which I purpose,\*  
and succeed in the thing for<sup>1</sup> which I sent it. (Isa. 55:11)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, and the wheat into my barn." <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us this parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>39</sup>the weeds are the children of the kingdom; the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age: <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will be thrown into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated  
Sermon

Please stand as you are able  
Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Creed  
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord, in your Mercy,

**C: hear our prayer**

P: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior

**C: Amen.**

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

### **Announcements**

### **The Offering**

**Offertory**

“Lord, Speak to Us”

*Please stand as you are able*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the sake of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we remember our Lord's death until he comes.

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

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### **Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

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, grant us peace.

**Distribution Hymns:** 480, 781, 803

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn** "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

**Dismissal**

**In our prayers:** Gigi Beeler (Cherie Rissman's sister-in-Beers, Lyle Black, Mary Donnenwerth, Haley Dostalick, K Sonny Hutton, Diane Jessen, Dolores Johnson, Alan & Ka (Michele Turner's brother-in-law and sister), Lucy Krauss Newman (Lori Fry's mother), Robert Schmidt (Pastor Mil Brian Vance, Don Voelker (Rich Voelker's father), the far Bernard Trentmann (Norm Trentmann's father), and the o before you...

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate today, and every thi for the Food Pantry.

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Virg Naney, in honor of family.



**Happy Birthday to:** Lucius Chapman, Kris Martha Kaleewoun, Christian Culp, Kathryn Bordt, Linda Biegger, Jacob Gibney, Declan Andersen, Morgan Mortenson

**Happy Anniversary to:** Justin and Katherine Scholl, Tim and Loree Nelson, Richard and Virginia Naney, Michael and Penny Hansen

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**Education Opportunities and Announceme**

links section. Thank you!

**Member Care** If you or a loved one experience a time of crisis, your Grace family would like to assist in helping with specific needs imposed by the situation. Volunteers are willing to prepare meals, provide rides, grocery shop, or spend time with you. Please know that you are loved and cared for with people willing and wanting to help. To make arrangements for help, contact Jackie Holmes in the office at 276-6873 or [graceluth5@msn.com](mailto:graceluth5@msn.com) or [worship@gracedm.org](mailto:worship@gracedm.org), and she will give your name and contact information to a member of the team who will be in communication with you regarding your needs.

## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** – The Rev. Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Organ and Piano today** - Rich Snyder

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Custodian** – Todd Haugen

**Ushers** – 8:15 - Kevin Krause, Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton.

9:45 - Paul Nelson, Rick Fry, Jay Wangerin, Norm Trentmann

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Alex Davik 9:45 Alex Davik

**Lector** – 8:15 Amy Schmelzer 9:45 Kate Schaller

**Children's Sermon** – Stephanie Johnson

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Julie Honsey, Jan Gross, Jenie Schmidt,

Ardis Schmelzer