

Grace Lutheran Church

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Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

Hymn 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

WORD with the Children

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 614 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Offering

Prayer

Confession

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and left undone.

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.

In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God (on the screen)

Absolution & Benediction

Hymn 764 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

~ *Jesus, Matthew 9:13*

Prayer Requests:

Pat Anderson

Mary Hefti

Aanika Wendt

Skip Brethorst

Joan Serba

Duaine Burros

Tom Dingwall

Susie Johnson

Tony Wright

Butch Adams

David Frykman

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Brenda Trisko; John & Kay Black; Craig Johanson

Acolyte: Ashlyn Elmer

Reader: Brenda Trisko

Coffee/Fellowship: John & Kay Black

Musician: Annette Helder

Song Leader: Tom Helder

From last Sunday: Grace celebrated Affirmation of Baptism. In reading the Creation Story (Genesis 1), Faith was surprised to learn Adam and Eve were vegetarians ... God's dietary plans for humanity!

Sundaes on Wednesday: It's time to "Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" or enjoy a Root Beer Float! Pastor Brad and Becki host at the parsonage and on the lawn at Faith. Bring your lawn chair; come, relax and visit. 6-7:30 pm; June 10 at the parsonage; June 24 at Faith lawn. We'll not meet on June 17 due to a prior commitment.

When you're out and about this summer, please don't forget your **Offering to God**. If you're not in worship, your envelopes are ready for mailing. Thank You!

Calling All Green Thumbs! Please think about planting an extra row (or two, or more) when planning your gardens. The produce wagon has been very successful for our fall bazaar and we can use everyone's help to stock it this year.

Blood Drive THIS Wednesday: 12-6 pm at Faith Lutheran in Evansville. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Faith Lutheran Church to schedule an appointment. Thank You!

Luther Crest Women's Week: We'll be taking a group of women and carpooling to Luther Crest to take part in their Women's Week. Monday, June 22 is Grace's day. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Sign-up sheet and registration forms are on the table outside the office. Questions? Contact Annette Helder.

Kelli will be taking some vacation time this summer - please check on Facebook and website for updated hours or call the office before coming in. Thanks!

Dates and Happenings:

Monday, June 8

7 pm Bible Study - Faith

Tuesday, June 9

9:30 am Bible Study - Grace

1:30 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

Wednesday, June 10

12-6 pm Blood Drive - Faith

6-7:30 pm Sundaes on Wednesday - Parsonage

Thursday, June 11

9:30 am Pastor at Prayer & Share - Faith

1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living

Sunday, June 14

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Grace Beyond Our Doors

10:30 am Worship - Faith

4 pm 4-H

Prayer for Illumination

Word of God, speak; call us to listen. Empty us of what is unhealthy; polish us with Your tender mercy. Amen

Psalm 33:1-5, 20-22 *Unfailing*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him!

Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.

We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy Name.

May Your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in You. Amen

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 *An Invitation, Pipes and Laughter*

Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.

"Follow Me," Jesus told him, and Matthew got up and followed Jesus.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice'. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners".

While Jesus was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before Him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put Your hand on her, and she will live".

Jesus got up and went with him, and so did His disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of His cloak.

She said to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed".

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," He said, "your faith has healed you".

And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, He said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep".

But they laughed at Jesus.

After the crowd had been put outside, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

News of this spread through all that region.

Amen

Prayer & Reflection during the Lord's Supper

The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world.

~ *Marianne Williamson*

Jesus, never let me think I can stand by myself and not need You.
Amen

A cheerful heart is good medicine,
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

~ *Proverbs 17:22*

Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved,
for You are the One I praise.

~ *Jeremiah 17:14*

Jesus, help me remember nothing is going to happen to me that You
and I can't handle together. Amen

Let the warmth of the sun heal us

wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness.

So that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to Heaven.

~ *Rabbi Harold Kushner*

When we wonder where God is in the middle of our hurt and suffering,
here He is – in those He's placed in our lives. We find God's grace
through others when we drop our guard and admit that we need help,
that we can't hold it all together.

~ *Sarah Freymuth*

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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There Is a Balm in Gilead



Refrain
 There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



Refrain
 but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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