

Those Serving us Next Week  
July 5, 2026

**Elders:** Allyn A / Mark H  
**Ushers:** Mark H  
**Reader:** Allyn Andersen  
**Trustee:** Roy Thoms  
**Music:** Ruth Alexander  
**Acolyte:** Ushers



## Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

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Sunday Worship 9:00am



**June 28, 2026**

### 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** +  
Today's Praise  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 28, 2026

Welcome & Greeting

**Opening Song:** "He Has Made Me Glad"

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter His courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad."

He has made me glad,  
He has made me glad;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
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**Invocation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen!**

**Our Confession & God's Forgiveness**

We are here in the name of Jesus Christ.

**July Visiting Ministry Challenge** This July, we invite our church family to be the hands and feet of Christ by reaching out to those who may need encouragement, companionship, and prayer. A simple visit, phone call, or note can make a tremendous difference in someone's day.

Throughout the month of July, we encourage you to take time to visit our shut-ins and homebound members. Your presence can bring joy, comfort, and a reminder that they remain an important part of our church family.

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Let's make July a month of connection, compassion, and community as we bless others through the gift of our presence

**This Week at Grace Lutheran** +

**Sun, June 28: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am**  
**Bible Study at 10:15 am**  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm  
**Sun, July 5: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am**  
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

**Those Serving Us this Week**  
**June 28, 2026**

**Elders:** Darrell K / Mark H / Ryan Z  
**Ushers:** Christ Colt / Mark H  
**Reader:** Tony Heisterkamp  
**Trustee:** Ricky Harris  
**Music:** Jennifer Heisterkamp  
**Acolyte:** Ruthie Colt

**Fellowship and Social ministry:** Will be hosting an ice cream fundraiser on July 19th after church service. We will have ice cream and brownies and all the toppings to go with it. Free will offering will be taken and monies will be put toward getting new chairs for the fellowship hall.

**Let Freedom Ring!** Grace's own missionary, the Rev. Daniel Mapur, will be preaching for the **9:00am service on Sunday, July 5, 2026.** He will be sharing his personal account of the Lost Boys of the Sudan, as well as telling us how he came to know Jesus Christ and how he became a preacher/evangelist in the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. In addition, Allyn Anderson will be sharing patriotic music with us throughout the service. This is your chance to hear the true account of how the freedom of the Gospel is still making a difference in the lives of people today!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS at Camp Okoboji**

**July 5-11: JUNIOR HIGH WEEK:** For grades 6 to 8. Junior High Week focuses on providing an opportunity to nurture their faith and grow in community through Bible Studies, worship, and recreational activities.

#### **July 9-12: J.O.Y. CAMP 2**

J.O.Y. Camp is intentionally designed for campers with developmental needs to participate in engaging, fun activities while growing in their faith in Jesus.

**July 12: 9:00 AM WORSHIP:** Rev. David Beagley will lead our worship.

**July 12-18: CUB WEEK II:** For grades 3 to 5. It exists to provide an experience within a Christian environment where they are valued, create new friendships, learn about faith in Christ and participate in engaging activities

**July 19-25: YOUTH WEEK:** Youth Week's purpose is to provide high school students an experience within a Christian environment in which they are valued, establish and build Christ-based friendships, participate in engaging activities, reflect upon their Christ-given identity & purpose in life, and are challenged to develop in Christian character.

**Heavenly Father, we are here because we are sinful and unclean. We are stubborn fools and liars to ourselves. We do not love God or other people as we should. We war against life. We hurt each other. But we are sorry for it, and we ask for Your forgiveness. We seek new life. Giver of Life, heal us, forgive us, and free us to live for you.**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven. God loves you and gives you, not only forgiveness in Jesus' name, but also new life in Christ. Rise up and live a new life active in Christian faith.

**Amen!**

#### **Responsive Reading:**

Shout for joy to the Lord,

**All the earth.**

Serve the Lord with gladness;

**Come before Him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is He who made us, and we are His: we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving & His courts with praise;

**Give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

**His faithfulness continues through all generations**

**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.**

#### **The Theme Prayer**

The Lord our God be with you...

**And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

**Amen!**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 28:5–9

5Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, 6and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. 7Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. 9As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 7:1–13

1Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? 2Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. 3Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

4Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. 5For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. 6But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I

**On Main Street** July 5 airing

This is the Life – “A Dream of His Own” – A father and son are at odds when their construction company will evict an Indian family.

Worship Service – Rev. Samuel Bobby of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, delivers the message “The Yoke of Rest” based on Matthew 11:25-30. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site:

[www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Financial Stewardship Update:**

As of June 7, 2026, Grace Lutheran Church is currently behind our projected ministry budget by \$38,631.

**Reflect on Blessings:** Take time to remember the abundant ways God has blessed our church family.

**Pray Continually:** Please join us in prayerful consideration of our churches financial needs.

**Partner in Ministry:** Ask how God may be inviting you to support our ongoing mission and vision.

**Stewardship Sentence:** June 28, 2026 – Proper 8 (Pentecost 5)  
Scripture: “Whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” — Matthew 10:38

Stewardship Sentence: As followers of Christ, we take up our cross and offer our lives in sacrificial service and faithful stewardship.

**Orphan Grain Train Project:** We are collecting for the orphan grain train. We will be collecting now thru end of August. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more info on what is needed. If you have a donation please put in the board room across from the church office. Any questions speak to Lois Ohlendorf.

**Potluck Sunday** is today at 5:00 pm. Hope to see you all there and remember bring a friend .

## **The Benediction**

**Amen**

### **Song of Joy:** “There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God’s own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
and there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.  
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.

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would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” 8But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. 12So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 10:34–42

34[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. 37Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

40“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Song:** “We Are an Offering”

**Chorus**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives  
They are Yours  
We are an offering

**Verse**

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You  
We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

**Chorus (repeated)**

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
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**Sermon:** “Sent Forth” Jeremiah 28:5-9

**Statement of What We Believe** (Luther’s explanation to 2nd Article: The Apostles’ Creed)

It is important for all of us, as the Body of Christ, to boldly affirm what we believe.

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The 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**