

# CROSS OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Welcome Guests!** We are glad you're here. Please fill out the "Grace Notes" insert and place it in the offering to help us get to know you better and to get connected with the ministry we are doing.

**LARGE PRINT bulletins and personal hearing assistance devices are available. The ushers will be happy to help.**



## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 7, 2026

*Altar flowers today are given in celebration of wedding anniversaries for  
Kirk & Sandra Havel and Mark & Cindy Mattes*

*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners – the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.*

### PRELUDE

“Medley for ‘D’ ”

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.*

P: ...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

#597

### 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** (“Kyrie” means “Lord.” This prayer calls for God’s divine presence during worship.)



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*This prayer is prayed in Christian churches throughout the world today. We pray it as a sign of unity and hope, shared with all God's children.*

## FIRST READING

**Hosea 5:15-6:6** (p. 733)

*Because the people have trusted in military powers instead of God and have engaged in idolatrous worship practices, God decides to withdraw until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

## SECOND READING

**Romans 4:13-25** (p. 916)

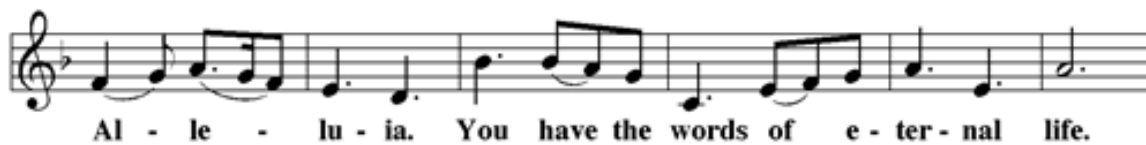
*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

“The Grab Bag”

*“The Grab Bag” is one way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through kids – in worship. Each week, a child pulls a surprise from the bag for us to share. We never know what we'll find, but trust God always has something to teach us. **The child who pulls something from the Grab Bag is invited to hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward after the Lord's Prayer, with the other acolyte and Communion Assistants.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (p. 790)

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew ...”*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Mark

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace Like a River”

#785

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (P: ...Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**)

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We offer the peace of Christ as a way of preparing to break bread together as family and friends. It's a sign that we live in community as believers.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

## OFFERTORY

## OFFERING

*Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice, and joy. If you are with us as a guest, we hope we've offered something to you this morning. If you choose to share an offering in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your generosity and trust you'll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you'd like to give via our website.*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God,

**C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, 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**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*We give thanks for the meal and hear the “Words of Institution” – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: **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.**

## SHARING OF THE MEAL

*The meal of Holy Communion – like God's abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you are a guest with us, please accept an invitation to the meal we share. It's an invitation that comes from us because it comes first from the God who sets the table.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*We sing this to connect our meal of Holy Communion to the Passover meal shared by the Jews of the Old Testament. At that time, God saved the Jewish people from death by 'passing over' homes marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. Similarly, Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the sign of salvation for the world.*

☪ 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, grant us peace.

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

“Hear I am Lord”

#574

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



If you're a guest with us this morning, thanks for being part of our worship. We're blessed by and better because of your presence. Please let Pastor Mark or one of our Partners in Mission know you are here and join us again, soon. Also, take a minute to fill out the Grace Notes insert so we'll know who was with us, even if we miss the chance to welcome you in person.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, JUNE 7, 2026

**Greeter:** Bill Goers

**Ushers:** Miles & Denise Hercamp

**Acolyte:** Anneliese Jones

**Lay Reader:** Gayle Beebe

**Comm. Assistants:** Joe & Zina Compton

**Lawn Mowers:** Miles Hercamp & Fred Fox

**Altar Setup:** Connie Mitchell

**Altar Clean Up:** Kristen Anderson

**Bread Baker:** Kris Vance

**Counters:** Jerry Kaucher & Lois Dalton

**Cleaning:** F. Fox, C. Waldrep, and L. Fox

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

### **Sunday, June 7**

- Traditional Worship – 8:30 a.m.
- Contemporary – 10:00 a.m.

### **Monday, June 8**

- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, June 9**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Team Mtg. – 6:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday, June 10**

- Summer Reading AM – 10:00 a.m.
- Food Pantry – 4:00 p.m.
- Summer Reading PM – 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, June 11**

- Cycling Club – 6:30 p.m.
- Praise Band – 7:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, June 13**

- Project Rouj Pickleball – 9:00 a.m.

#### GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	\$11,477.58
Offering Last Week:	\$8,980.56
May Total:	\$52,204.59
Fiscal YTD Income (04/30/26)	\$535,064.00
Fiscal YTD Expense (04/30/26)	\$494,313.64

Our General Fund supports our everyday ministry. 10% of it goes to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, disaster relief, & more.

*(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30.)*

#### BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Three Year Commitments:	\$1,379,966.39
Offering Last Week:	\$3,645.34
Given To Date:	\$589,316.83

Our Building and Outreach Fund commitments began anew in January. 10% of these offerings will help Project Rouj build homes in Fondwa, Haiti, even as we grow our own home at Cross of Grace.

*(It's not too late to join us in this mission.  
Have you returned yours yet?)*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 191**

Mark Havel, *Lead Pastor* • Cogan Blackmon, *Pastor*

Jeannie Ellenberger, *Music Minister* • Sheri Bradley, *Contemporary Music Minister*

Amanda Terrell, *Administrative Assistant*

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