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ORGAN PRELUDE

GATHERING

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CATECHETIC MOMENT

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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Baptisms Celebrated this Month:

Mariam Moses, Vaughn Schnell, Michael Patychuk,

Ruby Panzer, Russ Brown

GATHERING HYMN Lord, You Gave the Great Commission **No. 579**

GREETING

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GLORY TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P We pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favour us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that., leaving all that hinders us, we may

steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON** A Reading from Isaiah

‘Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice greatly with her,

all you who mourn over her.

For you will feed and be satisfied

at her comforting breasts;

you will drink deeply

and delight in her overflowing abundance.’

For this is what the Lord says:

‘I will extend peace to her like a river,

and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;

you will feed and be carried on her arm

and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,

so will I comfort you;

and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.’

When you see this, your heart will rejoice

and you will flourish like grass;

the hand of the Lord will be made known to his servants,

but his fury will be shown to his foes. (Isaiah 66:10-14)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Sung* **Psalm 66:1-9**

**Hymnal**

Be joyful in God, | all you lands;

be joyful, | all the earth.

Sing the glory | of God’s name;

sing the glory | of God’s praise.

Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

All the earth bows | down before you,  
sings to you, sings | out your name.”  
Come now and see the | works of God,  
how awesome are God’s deeds | toward all people.  
God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa-  
| ter on foot,  
and there we re- | joiced in God.  
Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.  
Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.  
Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning, is now  
and will be forever. | Amen.

## **SECOND LESSON**      A Reading from the Book of Galatians

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God. *(Galatians 6:1-16)*

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia...

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

‘When you enter a house, first say, “Peace to this house.” If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

‘When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal those there who are ill and tell them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near.”

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.’

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’

He replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’ (Luke 10:1-11,16-20)

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** O Zion, Haste

**No. 668**

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to “*O gracious God.*” is “*hear our prayer.*”

A The God who wants us to walk in peace knows that we need to find that peace. We call on this God of forgiveness to listen to our prayers.

*A brief silence.*

A For your works revealed in creation: for rivers and streams; for thunderstorms and sunshine; and for those preparing for harvesttime, that you inspire our care for the earth, O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For hearts that will not judge what is sinful in other people, O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For minds that will acknowledge injustices to ourselves and oppression in all of its forms, O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For wills that are graced with the courage to make visible the presence of Jesus Christ in the church, O gracious God, For bodies and spirits healed; O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer**

A For refugees in need of protection; for the homeless in need of shelter; for those who work in the summer’s heat; for those who

suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that God provide compassionate advocates and skilled professionals to aid them, O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Bless the people who are the leaders of our world that they may learn the ways of your peace. For Ukraine experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed and war crimes come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail; O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For the sick, and those who care for them, especially: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch, Bernie Davis, Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Barry Michael, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Mohini Srivastava, John Watt, those we name aloud,...

and those we carry in our hearts. O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Jason Zinko
- the East Central Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean Rev. Craig Wentland
- for spouses and families of pastors
- Grace Lutheran Church in Rancho Cordova, California
- Grace Lutheran (Gnadenthal), Leduc, and Peace Lutheran, Leduc
- Trinity Mission, Trinidad, Colombia
- delegates who prepare to attend the National Convention of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada

For all these, O gracious God,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, O gracious God,

**C hear our prayer.**

P O Holy One of Israel, God of love and truth, help us to know our own sinfulness and need. Free us from the desire always to be right. Give us the peace of Christ, and carry us forward to care for those in need, through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

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P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

##### OFFERTORY

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.  
Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER (General 1)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (II)

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##### THE FRACTION

P As the many grains of wheat were once scattered upon the hills, then become one in this Bread of Life,

**C gather your church from every time and place into your eternal reign of love.**

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

##### LAMB OF GOD

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#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

##### COMMUNION HYMNS

We All Are One in Mission

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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##### TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (General 1)

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*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN** Now Thank We All Our God

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**DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace...

**C** Thanks be to God!

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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WELCOME to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

SPECIAL THANKS to Christopher Poromon for sharing his musical talents to enrich our service today.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher:	Al Gummo & Cam Schneider
Lector:	Helga Weissenberger
Assistant:	Dave Wong
Altar Guild:	Thelma Jung
Refreshments:	Ruth & Al Gummo
Zoom Host:	Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week	29 June 2025	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 1,051	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 20	
Other	\$0	
Attendance	40	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	06 July	11:45 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMC
Monday	07 July	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	08 July	6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	09 July	10:00 AM	12 Step Program

		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	11 July	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	12 July	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	13 July	10:30 AM	Holy Communion
		11:45 AM	Stampede Lunch

HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS – The joint July / August issue is available in the narthex and downstairs.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY booklets for July, August and September have arrived. and are in the narthex and downstairs.

2025 ELCIC NATIONAL CONVENTION - The 2025 ELCIC National Convention is taking place on July 10-13, 2025. Our New National Bishop will be elected. For more information and to follow along see <https://elcic.ca/national-convention/>.

STAMPEDE LUNCH – Yee-Haw! Stampede has arrived. Join us for a Western Lunch on the final day of the Stampede, Sunday 13 July 2025 after the Service. Sign up downstairs for some delicious vitals.

MITTEN TREE– It is summer, and it is hot! But it is also a great time to knit or crochet smaller items such as mittens, cowls, or hats. We have wool downstairs if you need some.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894.

HEADING AWAY FOR HOLIDAYS? It's time for many of us to plan our summer, with time away from home. Please remember that you can leave postdated cheques for your offering. Unfortunately, our expenses don't take a vacation. Thank you for caring for the needs of our church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	13 July 2025
Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-9
Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37