



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2020
8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Flowers

Flowers are given by Karl and Ruth Reko in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.

As We Gather

The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite takes us to an uncomfortable place, but it's a place where we need to spend some time. Driven by her daughter's suffering, this woman boldly transgresses societal norms and approaches a Jewish man, Jesus. But Jesus, understanding his mission to be to the lost sheep of Israel, calls her a dog and tries to send her away. A mother's love will not be thwarted, however, and she declares in faith that she'll settle for the crumbs, knowing that crumbs from God's table are more than enough. Jesus sees in her response an illustration of what he has just taught: faith in the heart leads to faithful, holy living. By the end of the story we see that God is creating a new kingdom in which sheep and dogs and everyone else are welcome to sit at, not under, the table.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

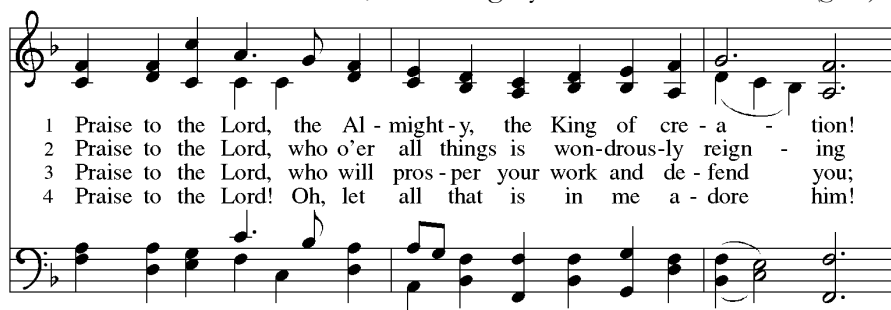
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

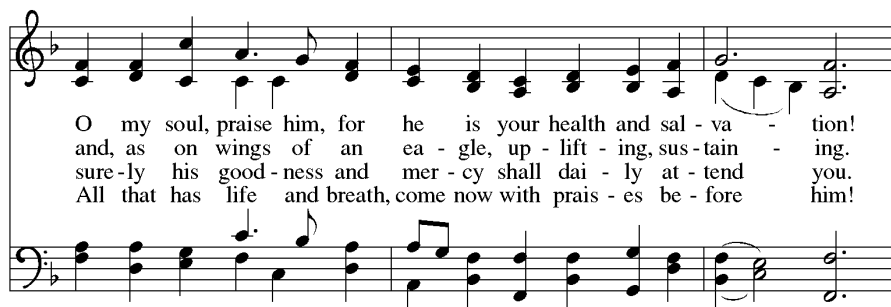
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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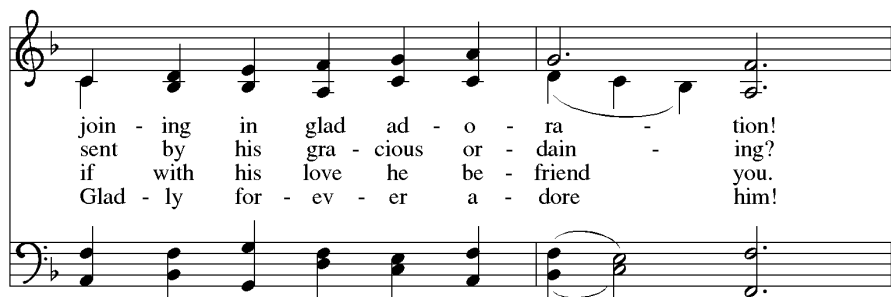
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneueren Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

© And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God of all peoples,
your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son
to love the world with compassion and constancy,
that your name may be known throughout the earth,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant —

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: Let all the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

- L** May God be merciful to | us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance, and | come to us.
- C** **Let your ways be known | upon earth,***
your saving health a - | mong all nations.
- L** Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
- C** **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,***
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations | upon
the earth.
- L** Let the peoples praise | you, O God;*
let all the | peoples praise you.
- C** **The earth has brought | forth her increase,***
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.
- L** May God give | us his blessing.*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

We join in singing:



- ☐ Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people.

☐ **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10–28

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

☐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☐ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: In Christ there is no East or West

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

APOSTLES' CREED

☐ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

☑ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM: O Healing River

Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff, arr. David Cherwien

O healing river,
send down your waters,
send down your waters
upon this land.
O healing river,
send down your waters,
and wash the blood
from off the sand.

This land is parching,
this land is burning,
no seed is growing
in the barren ground.
O healing river,
send down your waters,
O healing river,
send your waters down

Let the seed of freedom
awake and flourish.
Let the deep roots nourish,
let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river,
send down your waters.
O healing river,
from out of the skies.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

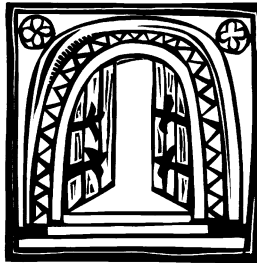
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
 5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vails for me,
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

J. William Greene

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist

Gwen Gotsch, soprano

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson	Sophia Cetin	Kathy Hale	Jennifer Murtoff
Annalise Balock	Hans Dumpys	Kathy Hayes	Paul Nelson
Cathy Barker	Ken Folgers	Ken Heppner	Adrienne Rott
Ruth Barker	Dennis Forgue	Joan Koerber	Tim Sandvoss
Len Berghaus	Marilyn Gotsch	Jerry Koenig	Pat Scala
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Ed Borg	Carl and Donna Gruendler	Beth Smoots McClanahan	Carol Shea
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Felipe Altamirano (<i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i>)		Karen Luebbe (<i>mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel</i>)	
Valerie Anderson (<i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke</i>)		Joyce and John Lunde (<i>friends of Susan Messerli</i>)	
Bob Andree (<i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i>)		Jane Martin (<i>mother of Justin Martin</i>)	
Vera Leora Barnett (<i>friend of Paul Eichwedel</i>)		Anne Matthys (<i>mother of Susan Curran</i>)	
Ira Birnbaum (<i>friend of Sandy and David Lentz</i>)		Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (<i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i>)	
Stephanie Bogue and Elva (<i>friends of Pat Anderson</i>)		MaryJo Meyer (<i>aunt of Brooke Schedler</i>)	
Deb Bree (<i>friend of Debbie Conley</i>)		Don and John Moehlenkamp (<i>brothers of Marilyn Moehlenkamp</i>)	
Elvis Burselson (<i>son-in-law of Tina Moore</i>)		Livingston Newberg (<i>brother-in-law of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska</i>)	
John Cattau (<i>nephew of Dan Cattau</i>)		Mary Kay Olson (<i>friend of Paul and Cindy Koester</i>)	
Bob Close (<i>friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin</i>)		Kathi Parisi (<i>friend of Debbie Conley</i>)	
Linda DeMeyere (<i>friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack</i>)		Rosie Parker (<i>mother of Cameron Parker</i>)	
Peggy Dickenson (<i>mother of Paul Eichwedel</i>)		James Pawlowski (<i>brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples</i>)	
Jane Duda (<i>friend of Karen Eckstein</i>)		Becky Peterson (<i>friend of Jennifer Staples</i>)	
Patti and Neal Enslin (<i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i>)		Jacob Pletan (<i>great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt</i>)	
Joan Fudala (<i>mother of Greg Fudala</i>)		James Powers (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)	
Ray Garmatz (<i>son of Margaret Garmatz</i>)		Susan Prather (<i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i>)	
Mike Guss (<i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i>)		Zach & Ellie Radosevich (<i>grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba</i>)	
Jerry Haase (<i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke</i>)		Phillip Rice III (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	
Ryan Hall (<i>nephew of Judy and Jim Kerns</i>)		Ronald Riley (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)	
Jill Hanssen (<i>niece of Ann Mason</i>)		Florence Saeger (<i>friend of Karl and Ruth Reko</i>)	
Alan Harre (<i>friend of many at Grace</i>)		Shirley Moyers Schnack (<i>sister-in-law of Randy Schnack</i>)	
Harry Heppner (<i>brother of Ken Heppner</i>)		Linda Schroeder (<i>aunt of Anne-Marie Bogdan</i>)	
Marian Hogue (<i>mother of Merrill Smith</i>)		John Schuurman (<i>friend of Timothy Douma</i>)	
John Hunt (<i>friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner</i>)		Mary Lu Shipstad (<i>friend of Marilyn Heppner</i>)	
Rob Kay (<i>brother of Tom Kay</i>)		Ken and Lori Shoup (<i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i>)	
Doug Kelner (<i>friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson</i>)		Teresa Smith (<i>cousin of Marilyn Heppner</i>)	
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Lenny Kobilca (<i>friend of Deanna Marotz</i>)		Konrad Swider (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)	
Andrew Korcek (<i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i>)		Martin A. Thieme (<i>brother of Susan Franzone</i>)	
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John Larson (<i>father of Morgan Anderson</i>)		Fr. Dennis Woerter (<i>friend of Grace E. Marotz</i>)	
Maria Laskowski (<i>friend of Joe Modrich</i>)		Elise Wojack (<i>niece of Pat Gulik</i>)	
John Lauritzen (<i>former Grace School student</i>)		Randi Woodworth (<i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i>)	
Lily (<i>friend of Carrie Douma</i>)		Veronica Zurowski (<i>mother of Tom</i>)	

Benevolence ministries

ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Thanksgiving for

The 56th wedding anniversary of **Karl and Ruth Reko**

For those who mourn

Patricia Carey (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Brent Knop (*great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Jason Brown (*nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

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Christopher Davis

Marie Gierke

Ronald Gresens

Gloria Hillert

Ruth Laux

Walt and Carolyn Martin

Joanne Nelson

Barbara Rinnan

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oregon Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

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