

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

*Great
are the works
of the Lord.*

By Grace you have been saved!

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2020

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn

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.

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

Kyrie: **C: response... "Lord, have mercy.**

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

See Insert

Psalm 67:7-18

See Insert

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35 –10:23

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P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P:The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Prayers of the Church

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us –
ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary..... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest. Blessed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.**

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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in his grace.

C: Amen

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls
his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer – P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal



Today's Readings

Sunday, June 21, 2020
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

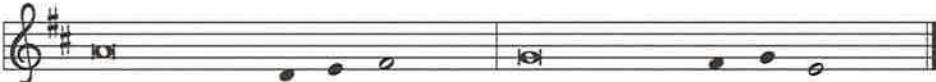
First Reading

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a
burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!"
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread
warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; tone 10



Surely, for your sake
I have suf-¹fered reproach,
and shame has cov-¹ered my face.
⁸I have become a stranger
to my own kindred,
an alien to my¹ mother's children.
⁹Zeal for your house has eat-¹en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn
you has fall-¹en upon me.
¹⁰I humbled my¹ self with fasting,
but that was turned to¹ my reproach.
¹¹I put on¹ sackcloth also,
and became a by-¹ word among them.

¹²Those who sit at the gate
mur-¹ mur against me,
and the drunkards make¹ songs about me.
¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you,
at the time you have¹ set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God,
answer me with your un-¹ failing help.
¹⁴Save me from the mire; do not
let me sink;
let me be rescued from
those who hate me
and out of¹ the deep waters.

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Psalm, continued

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters
wash over me,
neither let the deep swal-¹ low me up;
do not let the pit shut its
mouth upon me.]

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your¹ love is kind;
in your great compassion, I turn to me.
¹⁷Hide not your face¹ from your servant;
be swift and answer me,
for I am¹ in distress.
¹⁸Draw near to me¹ and redeem me;
because of my enemies de-¹ liver me.

Second Reading

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know

Gospel

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges

that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"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 one's foes will be members of one's
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
up the cross and follow me is not worthy of
me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will
find it."

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Eldon Dieckgrafe, Erin Ebeler Rolf, David Eisenhauer, Bruce Gerking,
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our military men and women, their families and their leaders.

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Grace, Oscar & Sabra, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

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Today 6/21/20

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 6/28/20

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

FATHER
KIND **trust**
nurturing **friend**
WISDOM
family man **LO**
thoughtful **VE**
STRONG patient

*LAUGH as
MUCH as you
BREATHE
LOVE as much
as you LIVE.*