

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

Come unto me, all ye
that labor and are
heavy laden and



I will
give you
rest.

Matt 11-28

By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 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

See Insert

The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

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Psalm 145:8-14

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Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th 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.**

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 Chris 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.

Words of Institution

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

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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.

Distribution

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

We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits:

Bars of Soap (4-5 oz.) Any brand in the original wrapping.

Bath Towels (lightweight, maximum size 52" x 27", dark colors are recommended). Toothbrushes (adult size) Combs and Nail Clippers (Metal)

And for School Kits:

70 sheet spiral notebooks (a total of 400 notebooks is needed for 100 bags—4 each bag)

*45 boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
96 -12 inch rulers*

Please leave items in the baskets at the back of the church. Donations are welcome if you are unable to get out and purchase these items.

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Verna Brinkman, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,
Eldon Dieckgrafe, Erin Ebeler Rolf, David Eisenhauer, Bruce Gerking,
Axl Walters, Will Yank,*

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.

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box
in the south office. You may email the church office
grace68329@gmail.com NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS*

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

Today 7/5/20

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 7/12/20

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Luther League Garage Sale Fundraiser

The Luther League will be having a Garage Sale to raise funds for the Luther League trip next summer (2021) The sale will be held on Saturday, July 18th from 8am to 4 pm during Cook Days.

Donations for this fundraiser can be dropped off after July 1st in the South Garage at church. The south Garage will also be for sale. Please donate quality sellable merchandise so that we can support the Luther League. Chances to raise funds has been difficult due to COVID. Any help with the sale is also appreciated!



Today's Readings

Sunday, July 5, 2020
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

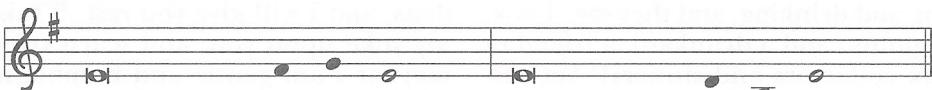
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to
the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of
the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood
of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from
the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to
you double.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14; tone 8



The LORD is gracious
and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and
abounding in ¹ steadfast love.
⁹LORD, you are ¹ good to all,
and your compassion
is over ¹ all your works.
¹⁰All your works
shall praise ¹ you, O LORD,
and your faithful ¹ ones
shall bless you.
¹¹They shall tell of the glory
¹ of your kingdom
and speak ¹ of your power,

¹²that all people
may know ¹ of your power
and the glorious splendor
¹ of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom
is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures
through- ¹ out all ages.
You, LORD,
are faithful in all your words,
and loving in ¹ all your works.
¹⁴The LORD upholds
all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those
who ¹ are bowed down.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things

from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”