

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



Join Us for
WORSHIP

By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Oh, Love, How Deep"

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.**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

See Insert

Psalm 1

See Insert

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

See Insert

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

Gospel: John 17:6-19

See Insert

P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 17th 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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: And also with you.

Offering

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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**

**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

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Dismissal

We pray always for . . .

*The Friends & Family of Marianne Parde, Robert Armknecht,
Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Mary Goudie, Bruce Gerking,
Axl Walters, Carol Wiebke*

our military men and women, their families and their leaders.

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.



Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when

he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm

Psalm 1; tone 2



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is**
in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate
on God's teaching
¹ day and night.

³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;**
they are like chaff
which the wind ¹ blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand
upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner
in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows**
the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
shall ¹ be destroyed.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the

testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel

John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected

them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of Marianne Parde. Marianne passed away on May 10th. Her funeral was held yesterday, May 15th here at Grace Lutheran.

Today 5/16/21

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.

Pastor & Kathy will be on vacation May 17th – 26th

Tuesday 5/18/21

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

Thursday 5/20/21

Tower Echoes Deadline

NEXT SUNDAY 5/23/21 *Day of Pentecost*

Worship – 8:30 a.m. Pastor Roger Hoffman

One may wear red on Pentecost Sunday (May 23) as a way of celebrating the Church being gifted the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor will be on vacation May 17–26. Kathy and Pastor will be helping his sister move to Golden Acres in Cook. Charlene or Char is excited to move closer to her nephews and their families and sister-in-law, and perhaps even her brother.

Pastor Kate Woolf from Faith Lutheran, Talmage will be available in case of pastoral emergencies.

Her cell phone is 316-371-0803.

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. You may email the church office at

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

BASKETS OF PROMISE

The Women of Grace want to **thank** everyone that participated in the "Baskets of Promise" project for Lutheran World Relief. This has been a successful project and we will combine the 5 different items for the Personal Care Kits into a bundle in the near future. This has become a great project – we have some great volunteers!

***PATRIOTIC WORSHIP SERVICE for Military Veterans,
Active Service men/women, the General Public and their
families.***

***To Honor our Military Men & Women who have protected
our freedoms.***

May 23, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

***Speaker: Tom Rother, Vietnam Veteran Squad Leader of the
Elite Recondo Platoon***

***At: Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Hwy 105, 5 miles south
of Johnson, NE***

***Lunch at No Charge will be served immediately following the
Service***

Memorial Day Dinner

Monday, May 31, 2021

Cook Community Center 11am to 1pm

Masks are required

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Free Will Offering to support our units many programs.***