

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!



*By Grace you have been saved!
"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2021

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LBW Hymn # 499

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.Amen

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

See Insert

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

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Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LBW Hymn # 479

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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**

Offering

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within
me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with
your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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**

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word" LBW Hymn # 379

Postlude

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,
Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, 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 6/13/2021

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 6/14/2021

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6/15/2021

Piecemakers – Blanket Making All Day

NEXT SUNDAY 6/20/2021 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.

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Today's Readings

Sunday, June 13, 2021
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

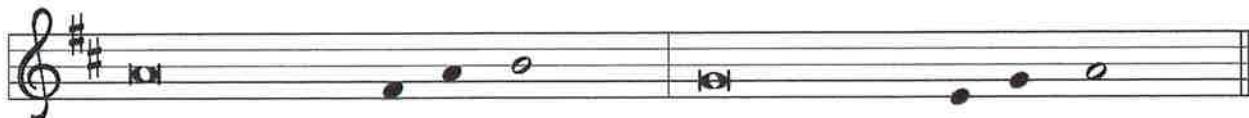
Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young
twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce
boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will
live;
in the shade of its branches
will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Psalm

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; tone 1



It is a good thing
to give thanks ¹ to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name,
¹ O Most High;
²to herald your love ¹ in the morning
and your faithful- ¹ ness at night;
³on the psaltery, and ¹ on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹ of the harp.
⁴For you have made me glad
by your ¹ acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy
because of the works
¹ of your hands.
¹²The righteous shall flourish
¹ like a palm tree,

and shall spread abroad
like a ce- ¹ dar of Lebanon.
¹³Those who are planted
in the house ¹ of the LORD
shall flourish
in the courts ¹ of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit
¹ in old age;
they shall be ¹ green and
succulent;
¹⁵that they may show
how up- ¹ right the LORD is,
my rock,
in whom there is ¹ no injustice.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity

to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It

is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.