

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!*

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

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn        "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"    LBW Hymn # 467

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: Job 38:1-11

See Insert

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

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Second Lesson: 2 Corinthian 6:1-13

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

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

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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     "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"    LBW Hymn # 333

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 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**

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      "Faith of Our Fathers"      LBW Hymn # 500

Dismissal

**We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!**

**We pray always for . . .**

*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

Sunday, June 20, 2021  
4th Sunday after Pentecost

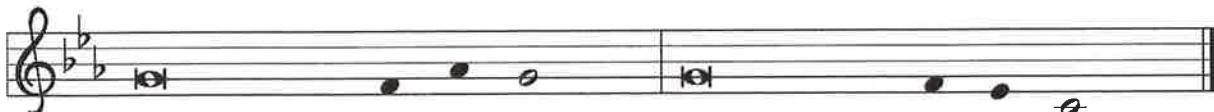
## Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

The **LORD** answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
2“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
3Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  
4“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.  
5Who determined its measurements— surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?  
6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

## Psalm



Give thanks to the **LORD**, for the <sup>1</sup> **LORD** is good, for God's mercy endures forever.  
2Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> **LORD** proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup> of the foe, <sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.  
23Some went down to the <sup>1</sup> sea in ships, plying their trade <sup>1</sup> in deep waters.  
24They beheld the works <sup>1</sup> of the **LORD**, God's wonderful works <sup>1</sup> in the deep.

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?  
8“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—  
9when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,  
11and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

## Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; tone 9

<sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy <sup>1</sup> wind arose, which tossed high the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.  
26They mounted up to the heavens and descended <sup>1</sup> to the depths; their souls melted away <sup>1</sup> in their peril.  
27They staggered and <sup>1</sup> reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of <sup>1</sup> no avail.  
28Then in their trouble they cried <sup>1</sup> to the **LORD**, and you delivered them from <sup>1</sup> their distress.

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<sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm <sup>1</sup> to a whisper  
and silenced the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad  
when <sup>1</sup> it grew calm,  
when you guided them  
to the harbor <sup>1</sup> they desired.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, **LORD**,  
for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love  
and your wonderful works  
<sup>1</sup> for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you  
in the assembly <sup>1</sup> of the people;  
in the council of the elders,  
let them sing <sup>1</sup> hallelujah!

## Second Reading

As we work together with him, we urge  
you also not to accept the grace of God  
in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have  
listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have  
helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see,  
now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are  
putting no obstacle in anyone’s way,  
so that no fault may be found with  
our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God  
we have commended ourselves in  
every way: through great endurance,  
in afflictions, hardships, calamities,  
<sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, la-  
bors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by pu-  
rity, knowledge, patience, kindness,

holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truth-  
ful speech, and the power of God; with  
the weapons of righteousness for the  
right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor  
and dishonor, in ill repute and good re-  
pute. We are treated as impostors, and  
yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are  
well known; as dying, and see—we are  
alive; as punished, and yet not killed;  
<sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as  
poor, yet making many rich; as having  
nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you  
Corinthians; our heart is wide open to  
you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our af-  
fections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—  
I speak as to children—open wide your  
hearts also.

## Gospel

When evening had come, [Jesus said to  
the disciples,] “Let us go across to the  
other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd be-  
hind, they took him with them in the  
boat, just as he was. Other boats were  
with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose,  
and the waves beat into the boat, so that  
the boat was already being swamped.  
<sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the  
cushion; and they woke him up and said

to him, “Teacher, do you not care that  
we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and  
rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,  
“Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased,  
and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to  
them, “Why are you afraid? Have you  
still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled  
with great awe and said to one another,  
“Who then is this, that even the wind  
and the sea obey him?”

## Mark 4:35-41

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**Happy  
Father's  
Day!**

**Today 6/20/21**

*Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.*

*6/20 (this afternoon) thru 6/25 (Friday)*

*PASTOR WILL BE AT CONFIRMATION CAMP*

*You may call his cell phone and he will get back with you,  
when he is able.*

**Monday 6/21/21**

*Tower Echoes Deadline*

**NEXT SUNDAY 6/27/21**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

*ELCW Spring Gathering @ DeWitt – 3:00 p.m.*

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