

*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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 11, 2021**  
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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn      "God of Grace and God of Glory"      LBW Hymn # 415

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

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The First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

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Psalm 85:8-13

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Whose Love in Humble Service" LBW Hymn # 423

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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" LBW Hymn # 526

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.*

***Thank you to John Weber for being our organist  
while you are in the area!***

**Today 7/11/2021**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

**Monday 7/12/2021**

*Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 7/18/2021**

**COOK WINDMILL CITY DAYS**

**Community Worship in the PARK**

**9:00 a.m. Please note the time for Worship**

*Cook Rescue Squad Breakfast @ Cook Firehall – 8:00–11:00 am*

*Cook Museum Bake Sale & Raffle – Raffle Drawing @3:00 pm*

*Grace Lutheran Women/Museum Food Stand @ CCC*

*11 am to 2 pm. Come in where it is cool!*

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# Today's Readings

Sunday, July 11, 2021  
7th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Amos 7:7-15**

This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made  
desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall  
be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of  
Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the

very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

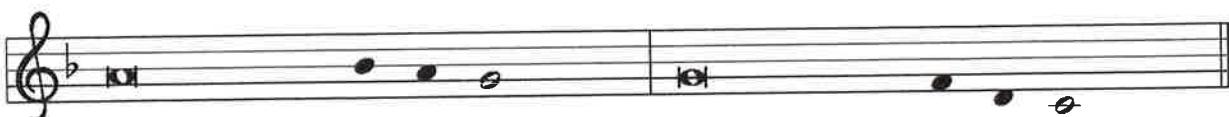
'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

## Psalm

**Psalm 85:8-13; tone 2**



I will listen  
to what the LORD <sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
for you speak peace  
to your faithful people  
and to those  
who turn their <sup>1</sup> hearts to you.  
<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near  
to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
that your glory  
may dwell <sup>1</sup> in our land.  
<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness  
have <sup>1</sup> met together;

righteousness and peace  
have <sup>1</sup> kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up  
<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
and righteousness  
shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness  
shall go be- <sup>1</sup> fore the LORD  
and shall prepare  
for <sup>1</sup> God a pathway.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,<sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.<sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace<sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight<sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his

good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,<sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,<sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;<sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## Gospel

## Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."<sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.<sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."<sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,<sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.<sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his

courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.<sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."<sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."<sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."<sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.<sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,<sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.<sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.