

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*

*Blessed  
is the NATION  
whose GOD  
is the LORD.*



*Psalm 33:12*

*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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**6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 4, 2021**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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**Prelude & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn**      "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"      LBW Hymn # 566

**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: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

**See Insert**

**Psalm 123**

**See Insert**

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthian 12:2-10

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

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th 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     "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

LBW Hymn # 425

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 Christ 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

"God of Our Fathers"

LBW Hymn # 567

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, July 4, 2021  
6th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

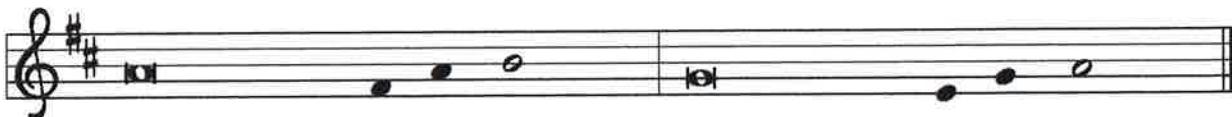
**Ezekiel 2:1-5**

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors

have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

## Psalm

**Psalm 123; tone 1**



To you I lift <sup>1</sup> up my eyes,  
    to you enthroned <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid  
to the hand <sup>1</sup> of her mistress,  
    so our eyes look to you,  
O LORD our God,  
until you show <sup>1</sup> us your mercy.

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O <sup>1</sup> LORD,  
have mercy,  
    for we have had  
        more than enough <sup>1</sup> of contempt,  
<sup>4</sup>too much of the scorn  
of the in- <sup>1</sup> dolent rich,  
    and of the derision  
<sup>1</sup> of the proud.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering

## Gospel

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

## Mark 6:1-13

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Today 7/4/21**

*Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.*

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**



**Thursday 7/8/21**

*ELCW Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 7/11/21**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

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

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