

*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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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving" LBW Hymn # 409

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

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The First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6

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Psalm 34:9-14

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Gospel: John 6:51-58

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P: The Gospel according to St. John, 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

"Sons of God"

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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 power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna 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     "Oh What Has Now Been Sown"     LBW Hymn # 261**

**Dismissal**

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

***We pray always for . . .***

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,  
Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, Bruce Gerking, Mary Goudie, Axl Walters,  
Carol Wiebke, Paul Wilken*

*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.*

## **Sons of God –**

Refrain:

Sons of God, heard His holy Word!

Gather 'round the table of the Lord!

Eat His Body, drink His Blood.

And we'll sing a song of love:

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

1. Brothers, sisters, we are one, and our life has just begun;  
In the Spirit we are young; we can live forever. Refrain.
2. Shout together to the Lord who has promised our reward:  
Happiness a hundred-fold, and we'll live forever. Refrain.
3. Jesus gave a new command that we love our fellow man  
Till we reach the promised land, where we'll live forever.  
Refrain.
4. If we want to live with Him, we must also die with Him,  
Die to selfishness and sin, and we'll rise forever. Refrain.
5. With the church we celebrate, Jesus' coming we await;  
So we make a holiday, so we'll live forever. Refrain.



# Today's Readings

Sunday, August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

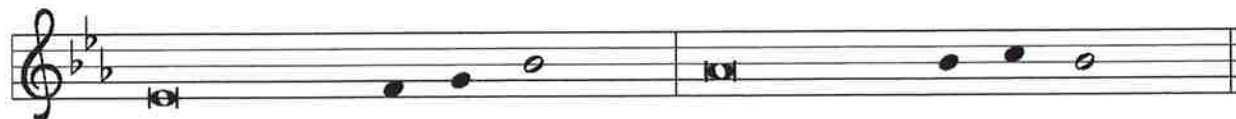
Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals,  
she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls,  
she calls  
from the highest places in the  
town,

<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have  
mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

## Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14; tone 4



Fear the LORD,  
you saints <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
for those who fear the <sup>1</sup> LORD  
lack nothing.  
<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want  
and <sup>1</sup> suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD  
lack nothing <sup>1</sup> that is good.**  
<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- <sup>1</sup> ten to me;  
I will teach you reverence  
<sup>1</sup> for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes plea-  
<sup>1</sup> sure in life  
and desires long life  
to en- <sup>1</sup> joy prosperity?**  
<sup>13</sup>Keep your <sup>1</sup> tongue from evil  
and your lips from <sup>1</sup> lying words.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil <sup>1</sup> and do good;  
seek peace <sup>1</sup> and pursue it.**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you

sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel

## John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will

raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."



**Today 8/15/21**

*Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.*

**Monday 8/16/21**

*JCC School Starts*

**Tuesday 8/17/21**

*Piecemakers Blanket making – All Day*

*Church Council – 7:00 p.m.*

**Thursday – Sunday – 8/19-22/21**

*Johnson County Fair*

**NEXT SUNDAY 8/22/21**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

*Johnson County Fair Parade – 6:00 p.m.*

*Samantha Jean Effken has completed  
First Communion Classes and will receive her  
First Communion today.*

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in the south office. You may email the church office at*

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