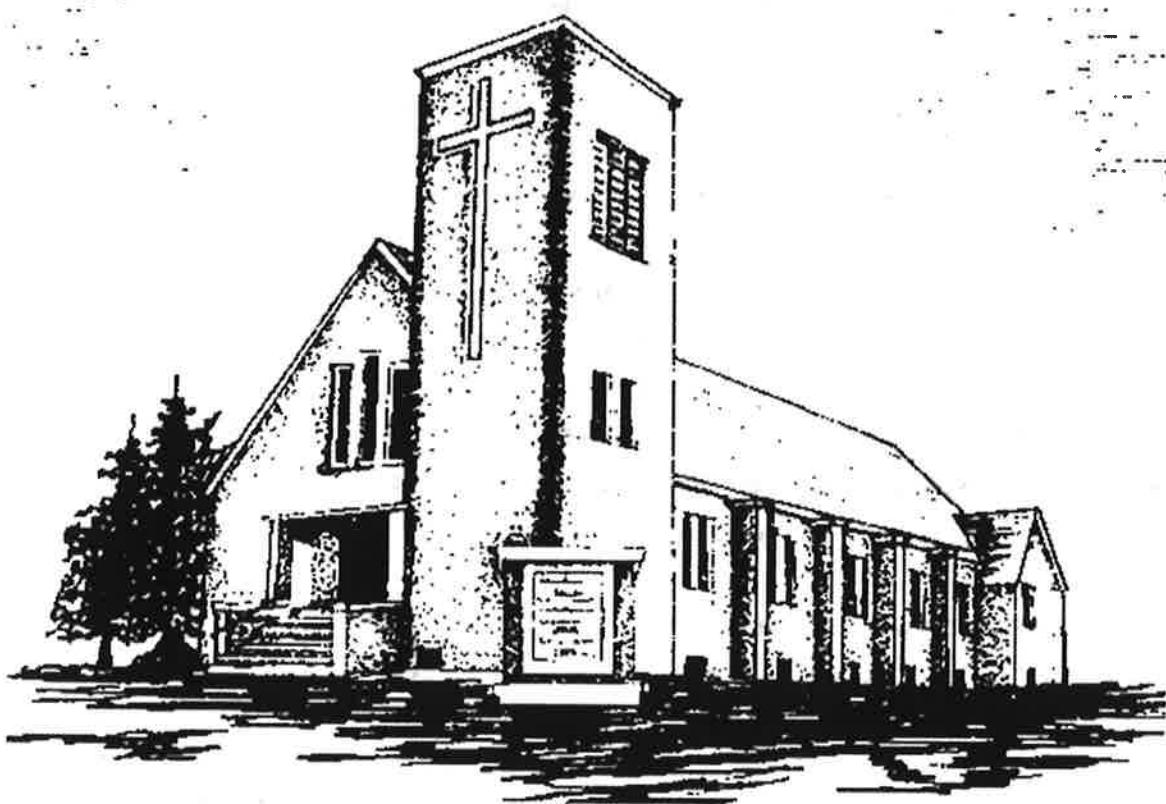


# *Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!*



*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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**13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 22, 2021**

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn      "Break Now the Bread of Life"      LBW Hymn # 235

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: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

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Psalm 34:15-22

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Gospel: John 6:56-69

See Insert

P: The Gospel according to St. John, 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

"You Are the Way"

LBW Hymn # 464

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                    "O Jesus, I Have Promised"                    LBW Hymn # 503

Postlude

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

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,  
Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, 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 8/22/2021**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

**Monday 8/23/2021**

*Tower Echoes Deadline*

**Wednesday 8/25/2021**

*Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting @ GLC – 7:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 8/15/2021**

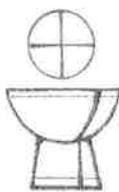
*Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.*

*Church office email [grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

School Kit items for Lutheran World Relief are being collected in the baskets at the back of the church.

The items needed are: 70 sheet spiral notebooks (4 each school kit),  
Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, & Ball point Pens



# Today's Readings

Sunday, August 22, 2021  
13th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people,

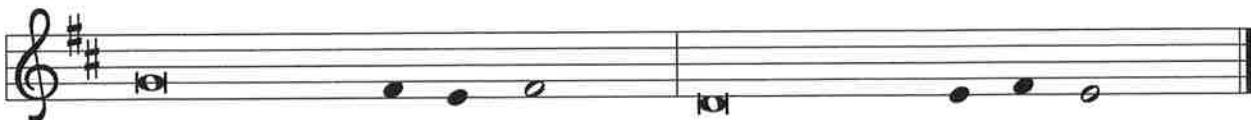
<sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are liv-

## Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

ing; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

## Psalm



The eyes of the LORD  
are up-<sup>1</sup> on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open  
<sup>1</sup> to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD**  
is against those <sup>1</sup>who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them  
<sup>1</sup> from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry,  
and <sup>1</sup>the LORD hears them  
and delivers them  
from <sup>1</sup> all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near**  
to the <sup>1</sup>brokenhearted  
and saves those  
whose spir-<sup>1</sup> its are crushed.

## Psalm 34:15-22; tone 5

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles  
<sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them  
from <sup>1</sup> every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe** <sup>1</sup> all their bones;  
not one of them <sup>1</sup> shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death <sup>1</sup> to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous  
<sup>1</sup> will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem**  
the life <sup>1</sup> of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you  
will <sup>1</sup> not be punished.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.<sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.<sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make

you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## Gospel

[Jesus said,] “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.”<sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”<sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you?<sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?<sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives

## John 6:56-69

life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

<sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.<sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.<sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.<sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”