

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*Everyone is Welcome!
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Here in This Place" WOV Hymn # 718

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord.

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk to them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Scripture Song

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

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The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

See Insert

Psalm 15

See Insert

The Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

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C: Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life Jesus Christ, all praise to you! Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures. Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you! Word of life Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: John 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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P:The Gospel of the Lord”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “On Eagle’s Wings” WOV Hymn # 779

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

C: Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth. Ours the rejoicing for the spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name. Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

P: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

P: Hear us, O God;

C: your mercy is great.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us,
O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” WOV Hymn # 723
Postlude



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 29, 2021
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Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

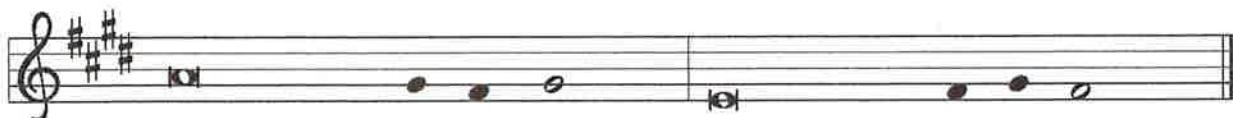
⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say,

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

“Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

Psalm



LORD, who may dwell
in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon
your ¹ holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life
and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth
¹ from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit
up-¹ on a neighbor.

Psalm 15; tone 5

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those
who ¹ fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health
and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money
in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes
a- ¹ gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things
shall never be ¹ overthrown.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Gospel

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus],² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ “For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodi 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.

*Noisy coin offering will be collected today. All loose change will be
designated for NLOM Summer Leadership Team Members.*

Today 8/29/21

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 9/1/21

Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 9/5/21

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

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