

*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

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW Hymn # 474

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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

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Psalms 54

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Second Lesson: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

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

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LBW Hymn # 439

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 “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” LBW Hymn # 262

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, Jan Rader,
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, September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known
to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil
deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against
me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its
fruit,

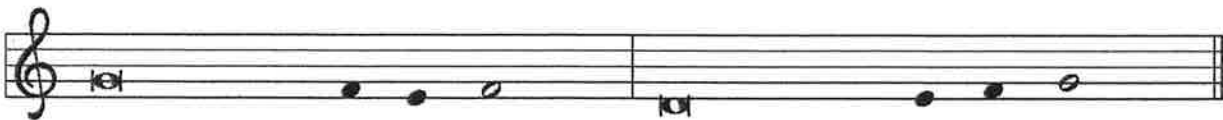
let us cut him off from the land
of the living,
so that his name will no longer
be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who
judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon
them,
for to you I have committed my
cause.

or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 54; tone 6



Save me, O God, ¹by your name;
in your might,
de- ¹fend my cause.

²Hear my ¹prayer, O God;
give ear to the words
¹of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up
against me,
and the ruthless have
¹sought my life,
those who have no re- ¹gard
for God.

⁴Behold, God ¹is my helper;
it is the Lord
who sus- ¹tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who
¹spy on me;
in your faithful- ¹ness,
destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a ¹freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD,
for ¹it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me
from ¹every trouble,
and my eye looks down
¹on my enemies.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing

about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Today 9/19/21

Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday 9/21/21

Piecemakers Blanket making – All Day
Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9/22/21

Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 9/23/21

Tower Echoes Deadline



NEXT SUNDAY 9/26/21

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Noisy Coin Offering is designated to NLOM

We will be having Sunday School – Starting TODAY!!
If it is held inside we will wear masks, but if we have it outside –
no masks are required. 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
There will also be Grab N Go Sunday School packets if you are
unable to attend.

Kathy Helgren and Diane Ekhoﬀ are looking for a couple of
people to help organize the Church Dinner on Sunday,
November 14th. Please give them a call.

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box
in the south office. You may email the church office at
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