

# Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!



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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 10, 2021**

**Celebrating Grace Bentzinger**

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Amazing Grace" LBW Hymn # 448

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: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

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Sunday School Bell Choir

Psalm 90:12-17

See Insert

Adult Choir

"His Grace Reaches Me"

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

See Insert

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

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<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 "Fervent In Spirit, Serving the Lord"

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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

"How Great Thou Art"

LBW Hymn # 532

Postlude

***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*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

**Today 10/10/2021**

*Joint Worship – 10:00 a.m. Celebrating Grace Bentzinger  
Coffee & Cookies in the Parking Lot*

**Wednesday 10/13/2021**

*Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 10/17/2021**

***MISSION FESTIVAL – with Table Grace***

*Joint Worship with communion – 10:00 a.m.*

*Table Grace Food Truck - 11:30*

*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)***

*The Luther League will once again be collecting pop cans to help raise money for the trip to the National Youth Gathering. Cans will be collected on the first Sunday of every month. The youth will be in the parking lot to collect your donations after the church service. Please make sure cans are rinsed, crushed and in a bag to make collection easier. Thank You! Luther League*

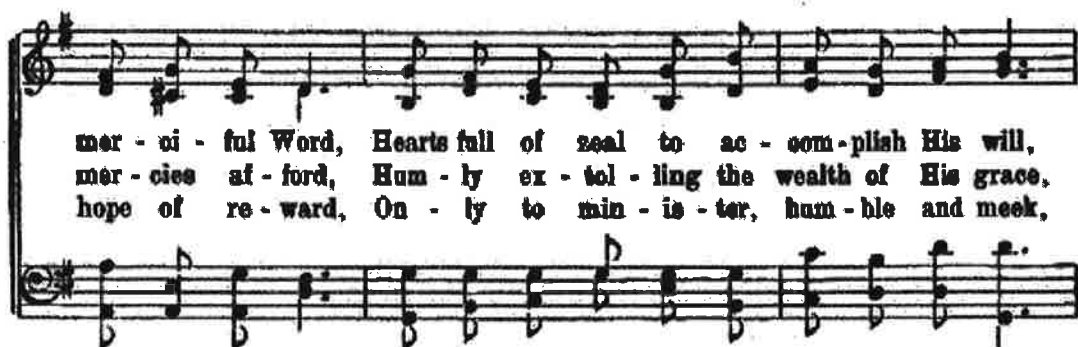
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Paul E. Kretzmann, 1923

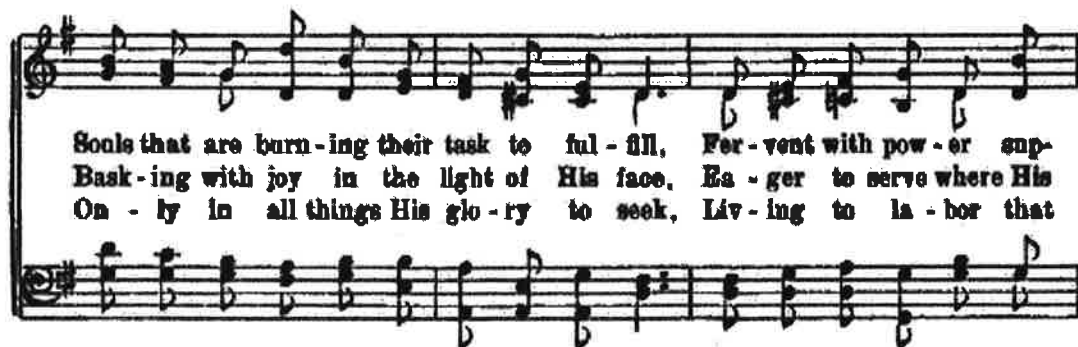
Timothy Richard Matthews, 1886



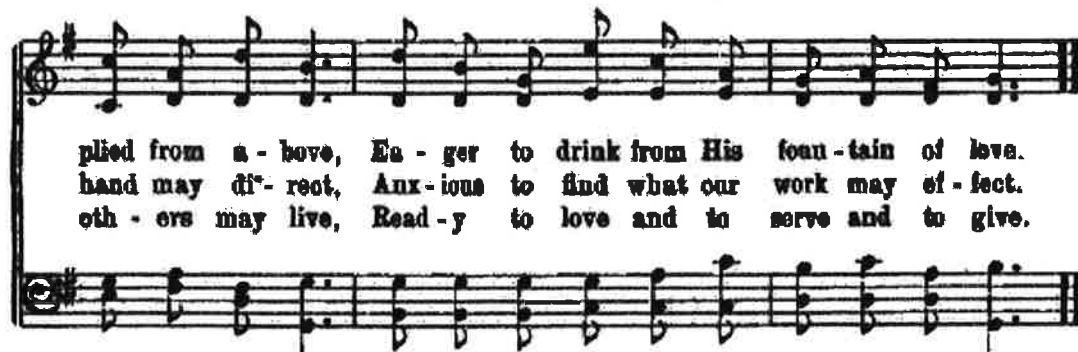
1. Fer-vent in spir - it, serv-ing the Lord: Filled with the strength of His  
 2. Fer-vent in spir - it, serv-ing the Lord: Feel - ing the strength which His  
 3. Fer-vent in spir - it, serv-ing the Lord: Not for world's gain or the



mer - ci - ful Word, Hearts full of zeal to ac - com-plish His will,  
 mer - cies af - ford, Hum - ly ex - tol - ling the wealth of His grace,  
 hope of re - ward, On - ly to min - is - ter, hum - ble and meek,



Souls that are burn-ing their task to ful - fill, Fer-vent with pow - er sup-  
 Bask-ing with joy in the light of His face, Ea - ger to serve where His  
 On - ly in all things His glo - ry to seek, Liv-ing to la - bor that



plied from a - bove, Ea - ger to drink from His foun - tain of love.  
 hand may di - rect, Aux - ious to find what our work may ef - fect.  
 oth - ers may live, Read - y to love and to serve and to give.



# Today's Readings

Sunday, October 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the  
house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no  
one to quench it.  
<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the  
ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in  
the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks  
the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on  
the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your  
transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take  
a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent  
in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant  
of Joseph.

## Psalm

**Psalm 90:12-17; tone 4**



So teach us to num-<sup>1</sup>ber our days  
that we may apply our<sup>1</sup> hearts  
to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD;**  
**how long<sup>1</sup> will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious<sup>1</sup> to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love  
<sup>1</sup>in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad  
<sup>1</sup>all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days**  
**as you af-<sup>1</sup>flicted us**  
**and as many years**  
**as we suf-<sup>1</sup>fered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your ser-<sup>1</sup>vants your works,  
and your splendor<sup>1</sup> to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord**  
**our God<sup>1</sup> be upon us;**  
**prosper the work of our hands;**  
**pros-<sup>1</sup>per our handiwork.**



Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Gospel

## Mark 10:17-31

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were

perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."



### **Musician's Prayer**

God, please bless my music  
That it might glorify your name,  
May using it to serve you  
Always be my aim.

Let it me be a witness  
To your majesty and love,  
And remind us that you're watching  
From your throne above.

May others see your beauty  
In every note they hear,  
And when they hear my music  
May they feel your presence near.

Oh Lord, I ask for guidance  
In everything I do,  
And pray you'll make my music  
An instrument for you.  
Amen.

Today we honor and celebrate **Grace Bentzinger**  
for providing music to members of  
Grace Lutheran Church for 71½ years.  
Grace's servant leadership is amazing!  
We thank Grace for her dedication  
to serving our Lord.

