

# *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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**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 3, 2021**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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**Prelude & Announcements**

**Opening Hymn**      "How Firm a Foundation"      LBW Hymn # 507

**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: Genesis 2:18-24**

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**Psalm 8**

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Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

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

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th 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      "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"      LBW Hymn # 370

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 Chris 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 everyone who seeks 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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LBW Hymn # 721

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*

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

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



# Today's Readings

Sunday, October 3, 2021  
19th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Genesis 2:18-24**

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep

sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

## Psalm

**Psalm 8; tone 6**



O <sup>1</sup>LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name  
in <sup>1</sup> all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted  
above the heavens  
out of the mouths  
of in- <sup>1</sup> fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress  
against your enemies,  
to silence the foe <sup>1</sup> and avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens,  
the work <sup>1</sup> of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars  
you have set <sup>1</sup> in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you  
should be mind- <sup>1</sup> ful of them,  
human beings that you  
should <sup>1</sup> care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them  
little less <sup>1</sup> than divine;  
with glory and hon- <sup>1</sup> or  
you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule  
over the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands;  
you have put all things  
un- <sup>1</sup> der their feet:  
<sup>7</sup>all <sup>1</sup> flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts <sup>1</sup> of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air,  
the fish <sup>1</sup> of the sea,  
and whatever passes along  
the paths <sup>1</sup> of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup>O <sup>1</sup>LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name  
in <sup>1</sup> all the earth!

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are  
mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?  
<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while  
lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory  
and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my  
brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation  
I will praise you."

## Gospel

## Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked

him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## TODAY'S READINGS October 3, 2021 (Lectionary 27)

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**Today 10/3/21**

*Worship with communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Tuesday 10/5/21**

*Bible Study – 1:30 p.m. (NOTE Date Change!)*

**Wednesday 10/6/21**

*Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 10/10/21**

*Joint Worship w/ Hope – 10:00 a.m.  
Celebrating Grace Bentzinger*

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

*We are having Sunday School 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
If it is held inside we will wear masks,  
but if we have it outside – no masks are required.*

*There will also be Grab N Go Sunday School packets if you are  
unable to attend.*

**CROP WALK**

Today we are having a non-walking Crop Walk for Hunger. Instead of walking to raise money for the CROP hunger programs we will have an offering plate at the entrance of the church.

## ***CELEBRATING GRACE***

Next Sunday, October 10, at the 10:00 a.m. joint service  
with Hope, we will 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.

Come and join us for coffee & cookies following the service.

A celebration was planned in 2020, but was postponed due to Covid.

## **MISSION FESTIVAL 2021**

The Mission Festival 2021 will be next Sunday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran. The sponsored mission this year is Table Grace. Table Grace was invited to be our guest at Hope Lutheran Mission Festival in 2020, but was postponed due to Covid. Table Grace will lead worship, have music and explain about their ministry, including the addition of a food truck. The Table Grace Food Truck will serve lunch outside where there will be tables & chairs to enjoy Gourmet Burgers plus other items.

Pastor and Kathy will provide cake in honor of his 65th birthday (he will be 66 on October 10th this year) and 35th anniversary of his Ordination in 2020 and their 40th Anniversary this year.