

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to*

The Great Thanksgiving

PRAISE
The Lord! 

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Dismissal

We carry the “light” out into the world! Depart to serve!

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, & Jan Rader

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the
south office. Church office email grace68329@gmail.com*

Today 5/15/22

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Rite of Baptism for Wrenley Elaine Moses

Special Congregational Meeting following worship

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 5/21/22

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

Saturday 5/21/22

ELCW Spring Gathering @ Lincoln Lutheran Ctr - UNL

Next Sunday 5/21/22

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

***This morning we welcome Wrenley Elaine Moses into
God's Kingdom and our church family through Rite of
Infant Baptism. She was born July 27, 2021. Her parents
are Shyanne Thompson and Joseph Moses. Her sponsors
are Richard & Vicki Moses.***

We will have a special congregational meeting today following church to discuss options to replace the broken furnace in the church office. Please plan to attend to review the different quotes that have been received.



Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

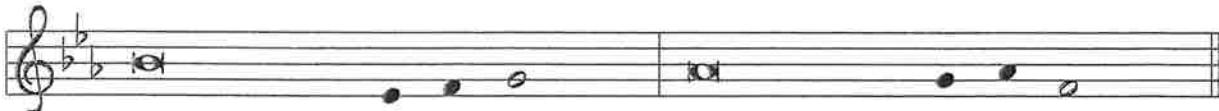
Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three

men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm

Psalm 148; tone 10



Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens;
 praise God ¹ in the heights.
²Praise the LORD, ¹ all you angels;
 sing praise, all you ¹ hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, ¹ sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.
⁴Praise the LORD, hea- ¹ en of heavens,
 and you waters a- ¹ bove the heavens.

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⁵Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
 who commanded,
 and they ¹ were created,
⁶who made them stand fast
forev- ¹ er and ever,
 giving them a law
 that shall not ¹ pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD ¹ from the earth,
 you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind,
 do- ¹ ing God's will;
⁹mountains ¹ and all hills,
 fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
 creeping things and ¹ flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers ¹ of the world;
¹²young ¹ men and maidens,
 old and ¹ young together.
¹³Let them praise the name
 of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted,
 whose splendor
 is over ¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up**
 strength for the people
 and praise for all ¹ faithful servants,
 the children of Israel,
 a people who are near the LORD.
 'Hallelujah!'

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their

eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will
be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Gospel

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now

I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Bridges for Hope Prison Ministry— will be collecting kitchen items, everyday items we all use. Dishcloths, dish towels, spatulas, paring knives, can openers, measuring cups & spoons, dish soap, spatulas & whatever else you feel would be useful. Gently used items would be welcome too. Totes for carrying supplies will be useful for these items. These items will be collected until today, May 15.

Next Sunday we will begin collecting for our Baskets of Promise Project for Lutheran World Relief. The baskets will be in the back of the church for collecting Bath Towels (Lightweight, dark colors are recommended), Bars of Soap – any brand in original wrapping, Toothbrushes and Combs.

