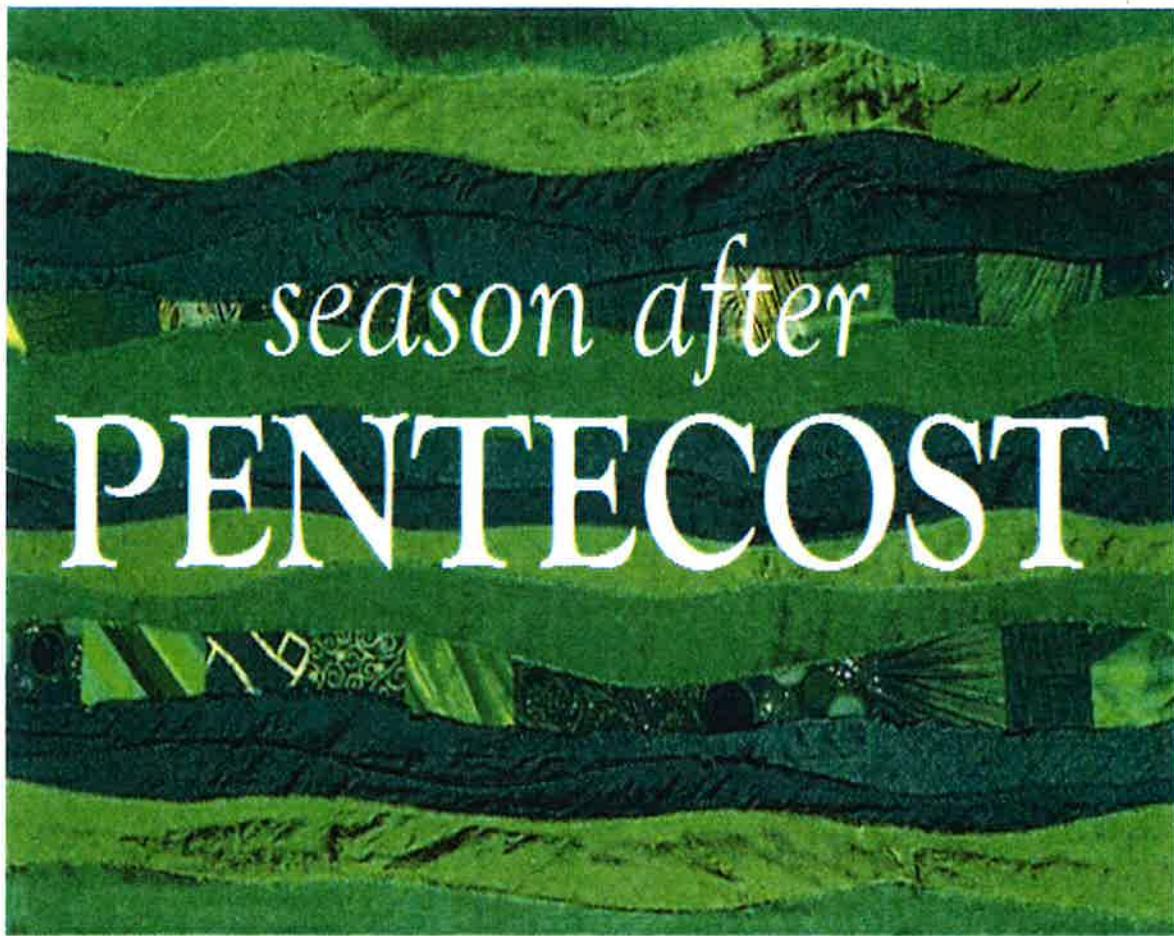


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes you to*

*The Great Thanksgiving*



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

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 19, 2022**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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



# Today's Readings

Sunday, June 19, 2022  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.  
<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.  
<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

## Psalm

**Psalm 22:19-28; tone 6**



But you, O LORD, be not <sup>1</sup> far away;  
O my help, hasten <sup>1</sup> to my aid.  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver me <sup>1</sup> from the sword,  
my life from the power <sup>1</sup> of the dog.  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the <sup>1</sup> lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls  
you have <sup>1</sup> rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name <sup>1</sup> to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly  
<sup>1</sup> I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup> line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD,  
all you off- <sup>1</sup> spring of Israel.  
<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise  
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face  
hid- <sup>1</sup> den from them;  
but when they cry out,  
<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them.

continued

## Psalm, continued

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise  
in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup>and be satisfied.**  
Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise!  
May your hearts <sup>1</sup>live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup>to the LORD;  
all the families of nations  
shall bow <sup>1</sup>before God.  
<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs <sup>1</sup>to the LORD,**  
who rules o- <sup>1</sup>ver the nations.

## Second Reading

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through

faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Gospel

### Galatians 3:23-29

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons

came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### Luke 8:26-39

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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  
& Haleigh Werner*

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

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

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
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](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

**Today 6/19/22**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Pastor @ Confirmation  
Camp 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>*

HAPPY   
*Father's Day*

**Tuesday 6/21/22**

*Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day  
Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.*

**Thursday 6/23/22**

*Tower Echoes Deadline*

**Next Sunday 6/26/22**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
St. Paul's UCC Osage Ice Cream Social – 5 – 7 p.m.*

## 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness [H]

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris -'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## **BASKETS OF PROMISE**

*We are collecting the following items that will be used to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will be collecting until the end of June. These Personal Care Kits provide much needed self-care and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations we can only imagine. Grace Lutheran put together & shipped 100 Personal Care kits in 2021.*

*We can do it again, piece by piece, with your help.*

***Bath Towels (lightweight, maximum size 52" x 27", dark colors are recommended)***

***Bars of Soap (4-5 oz.) Any brand in the original wrapping***

***Toothbrushes      Combs***

