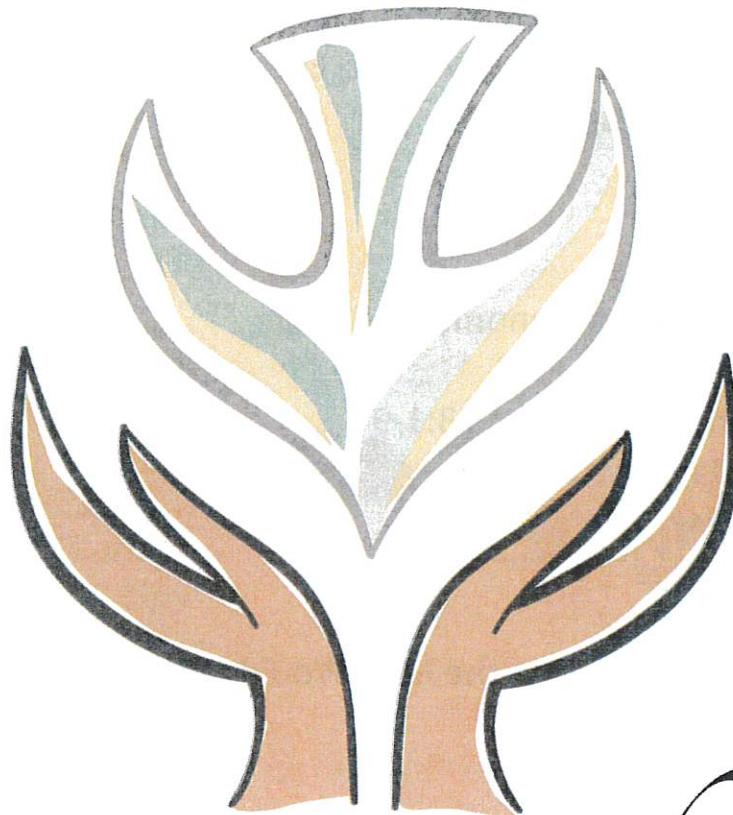


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Welcomes You!*



*Join Us for
WORSHIP*

*By Grace you have been saved!
“We have decided to follow Jesus and
There’s no turning back!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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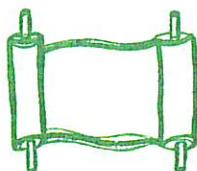
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We pray always for . . .

*Grace Bentzinger, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,
Eric Fass, Kathy Helgren, Eugene Rosenthal & Haleigh Werner*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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



Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

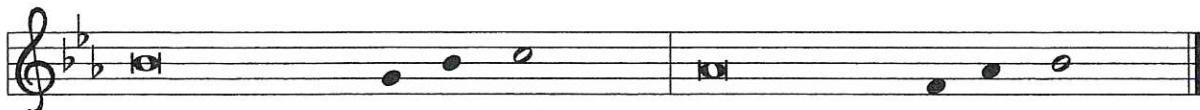
[Moses said to the people:] See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you

today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

or Sirach 15:15-20 [not printed]

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8; tone 1



Happy are they
whose ¹ way is blameless,
who follow the teaching ¹ of
the LORD!
²Happy are they
who observe ¹ your decrees
and seek you with ¹ all their hearts,
³who never do ¹ any wrong,
but always walk ¹ in your ways.
⁴You laid down ¹ your commandments,
that we should ¹ fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made ¹ so direct
that I might ¹ keep your statutes!
⁶Then I should not be ¹ put to shame,
when I regard
all ¹ your commandments.
⁷I will thank you with ¹ a true heart,
when I have learned
your ¹ righteous judgments.
⁸I will ¹ keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

Gospel

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Matthew 5:21-37

causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

TODAY'S READINGS February 12, 2023

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Today 2/12/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday 2/13/23

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 2/14/23

Piecemakers Blanket
Making – All Day



Wednesday 2/15/23

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 2/19/23

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.
& Baptism of Addison Clara Dietz
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

*Please join us for fellowship in the basement
following worship ☺*

The ELCW Yearbooks are available to pick up.

The offering Envelopes have been delayed at the warehouse – due to lack of employees, they will be coming.

If you do not wish to receive a box of envelopes, please let Joyce Roesener or Diane Wilken know.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Ash Wednesday worship is February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Ashes will be distributed as well as the receiving of communion. This is the beginning of Lent and our journey toward the cross with Jesus.

Midweek Lenten Worship at Hope Lutheran are
March 1, March 15 and March 29.

Midweek Lenten Worship at Grace Lutheran are
March 8 and March 22.

75th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date! The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee met and selected Sunday, June 23, 2024 to commemorate Immanuel Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran churches merging to form Grace Lutheran Church. Bishop Johnson and Pastor Helgren will preside over the 10:00 a.m. service. Watch the Tower Echoes for more information.