

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



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

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 11 2023**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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## *We pray always for . . .*

*Judy Brinkman, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass,  
Eugene Rosenthal, Travis Thomas & Haleigh Werner*

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

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

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## Morning Has Broken

C Am Dm G F G

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,

C Am Dm G F G

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

C Am Dm G F G

Em Am F G F G<sup>7</sup>

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,

Em Am F G F G<sup>7</sup>

C Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm G<sup>7</sup> C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

C Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm G<sup>7</sup> C



# Today's Readings

Sunday, June 11, 2023  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

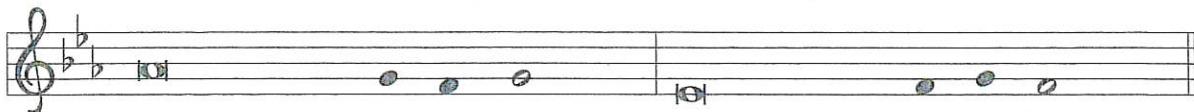
Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and  
seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:  
6:1 "Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will  
heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind  
us up.  
2 After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
3 Let us know, let us press on to know the  
LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the  
earth."  
4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
5 Therefore I have hewn them by the  
prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my  
mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the  
light.  
6 For I desire steadfast love and not  
sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than  
burnt offerings.

## Psalm

Psalm 50:7-15; tone 5



"Listen, my people, and I will speak:  
Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.  
8 I do not accuse you  
because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings  
are always before me.  
9 I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;  
10 for all the wild animals of the forest  
are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.

11 I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields  
are mine.  
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine  
and all that is in it.  
13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?  
14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows  
to the Most High.  
15 Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you,  
and you shall honor me."

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many

nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## Gospel

## Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

<sup>14</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay

your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>15</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>16</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>17</sup>for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>18</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

<sup>19</sup>When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>20</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>21</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up, <sup>22</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

# GO AND...

PRAY

Prayer is the grounding for our relationship with God. From formal prayers offered in worship, prayers at meals, and fleeting moments of prayer, our lives are enveloped in prayer. In prayer, we both listen and share what is in our hearts and on our minds. We move, live, and serve in and out of our prayers.

## Questions to Consider:

- What is your big prayer at this time?
- What is going on in the lives of your neighbor? How can you pray for them?
- Where will you GO and... grow your prayer life this month?

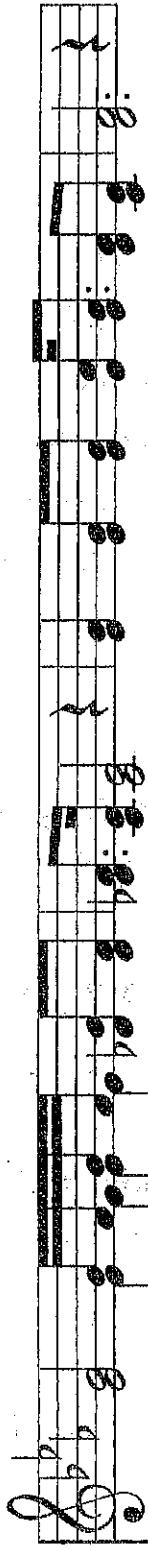
**Prayer:** Holy One, help me pause and engage in conversation with you this month and always. Amen.

**Suggested Song:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (ELW 752)

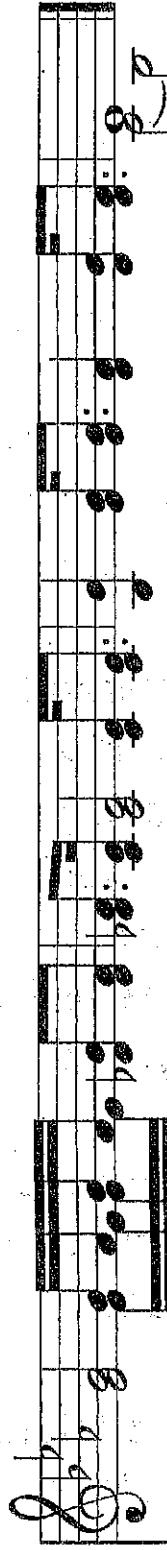
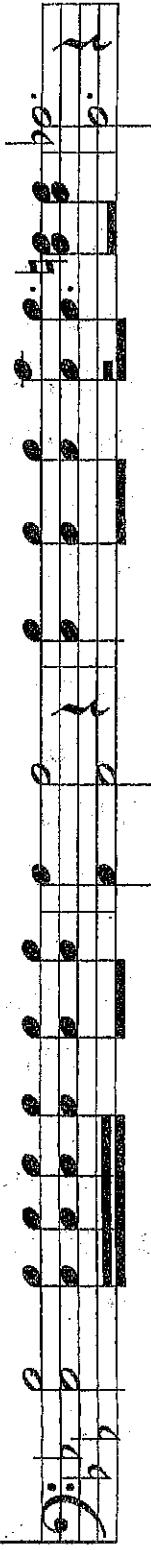
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# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

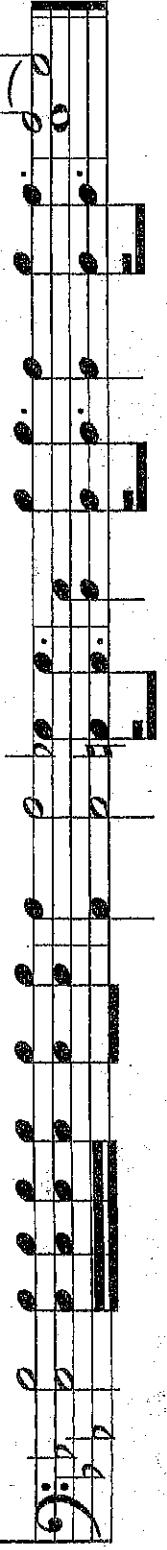
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Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



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

**Today 6/11/23**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

**Monday 6/12/23**

*Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.*

**Thursday 6/15/23**

*Church Council – 7:00 p.m.*

**Next Sunday 6/18/23 Father's Day!**

*Worship with Communion – 8:30 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 ☺*