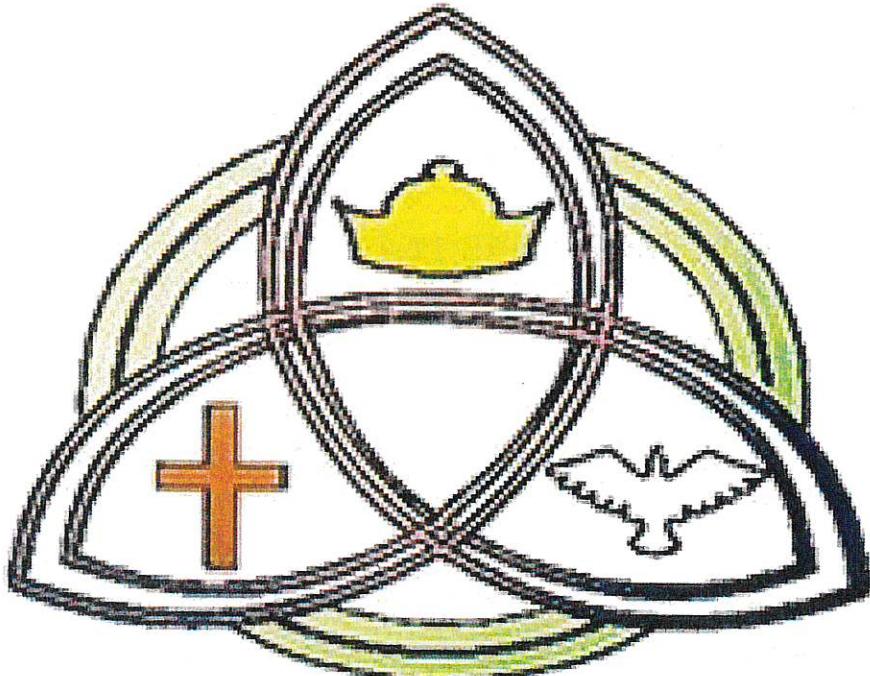


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes you to  
The Great Thanksgiving*



**Trinity Sunday**

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

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**THE HOLY TRINITY**

**June 4, 2023**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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



# Today's Readings

The Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

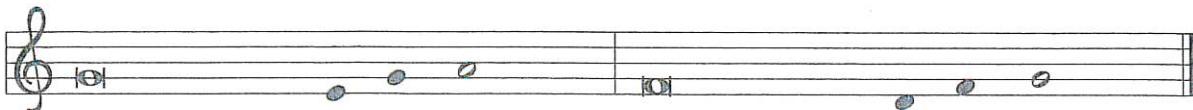
Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a [not printed]

## Psalm

Psalm 8; tone 1



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!

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet

one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## Gospel

## Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go

therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

# Genesis 1:1-2:4a

**1** In the beginning when God created<sup>[a]</sup> the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God<sup>[b]</sup> swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**6** And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**9** And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

**14** And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

**20** And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' **21** So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was

good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, 'Let us make humankind<sup>[c]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,<sup>[d]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind<sup>[e]</sup> in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;<sup>[f]</sup>  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' <sup>29</sup> God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**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 . . .***

*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.*

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's  
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**Today 6/4/23**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.*

**Next Sunday 6/11/23**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

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

## Vacation Bible School 2023

**Hosted by: Grace Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC Osage, and Hope Lutheran**

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church, Cook, NE

**When:** July 10 – 14, 2023  
5:30 – 7:30 pm each night  
Supper provided during VBS.



VBS Kids will perform songs at the Community Church Service on July 16<sup>th</sup>!

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by June 30 to ensure we have the necessary t-shirts, food, and craft supplies.

Use the QR Code to go directly to registration link or  
Email Erin Ebeler ([eebeler@gmail.com](mailto:eebeler@gmail.com)) or  
Carley Goracke ([jeremyandcarley@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremyandcarley@yahoo.com)) to  
request the registration link be sent to you.



**No Cost to Attend.**

**All Kids Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are Welcome to Attend.**