

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!*

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*



# Today's Readings

Sunday, July 2, 2023  
5th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

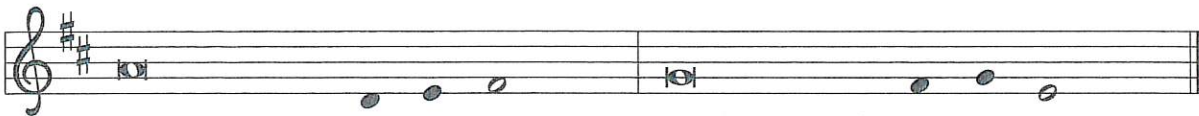
Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I

say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

## Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; tone 10



Your love, O LORD, forever <sup>1</sup> will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth  
will pro- <sup>1</sup> claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded  
that your steadfast love  
is estab- <sup>1</sup> lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness  
firmly <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant  
with my <sup>1</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath  
to Da- <sup>1</sup> vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>"I will establish your <sup>1</sup> line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all  
<sup>1</sup> generations."

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people  
who know the <sup>1</sup> festal shout!

They walk, O LORD,  
in the light <sup>1</sup> of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily <sup>1</sup> in your name;  
they are jubilant  
<sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory <sup>1</sup> of their  
strength,  
and by your favor  
our might <sup>1</sup> is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, our shield belongs  
<sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy <sup>1</sup> One  
of Israel.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you

were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel

## Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a

righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 2023

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***We pray always for . . .***

*Friends and Family of Eugene Rosenthal.*

*Judy Brinkman, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass,  
& Haleigh Werner*

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

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

## Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man-date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.



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**Today 7/2/23**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.*

**Tuesday 7/4/23**

*Have a Fun and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!*

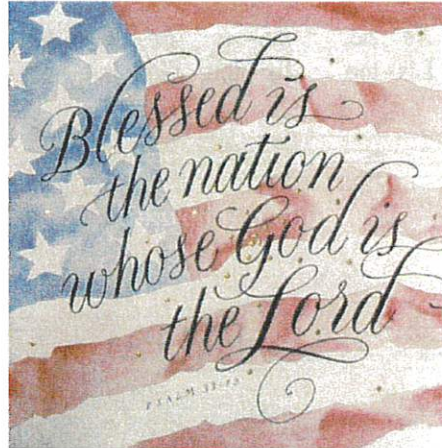
**Thursday 7/6/23**

*Church Council – 7:00 p.m.*

**Next Sunday 7/9/23**

*Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.*

*Osage UCC Ice Cream Social – 5-7 p.m.*



***Thank you to  
Annette Block for leading our worship today and  
John Weber for being our Organist.***

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

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Eugene Rosenthal**. Eugene passed away on June 24<sup>th</sup> at his home in Beatrice. Memorial services were held Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Beatrice, NE. Inurnment was held following the Memorial service at the Grace Lutheran Cemetery.

*If you would like Donna Rosenthal's address, or Linda Daniels address for her 80th birthday (7/4), please text or call Diane Wilken @ 402-297-3863.*