

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to
The Great Thanksgiving*



*The Lord is gracious
and merciful, slow to
anger and abounding
in steadfast love. The
Lord is good to all, and
his mercy is over all
that he has made.*

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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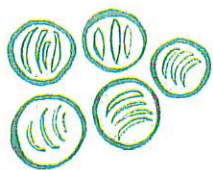
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We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 6, 2023
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

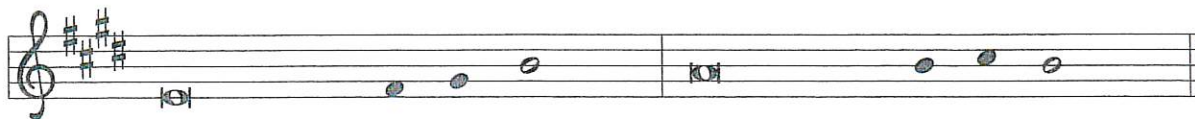
Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does
not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what
is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you
do not know,
and nations that do not know you
shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the
Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; tone 4



The LORD is gracious
and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and
abounding in ¹ steadfast love.
⁹LORD, you are ¹ good to all,
and your compassion
is over ¹ all your works.
¹⁴The LORD upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those
who ¹ are bowed down.
¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon ¹ you,
O LORD,
and you give them their food
¹ in due season.

¹⁶You open ¹ wide your hand
and satisfy the desire
of every ¹ living thing.
¹⁷You are righteous in ¹ all your ways
and loving in ¹ all your works.
¹⁸You are near to all
who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you
faithfully.
¹⁹You fulfill the desire of ¹ those
who fear you;
you hear their ¹ cry and save them.

continued

²⁰You watch over all
those who love you,
but all the wicked you
shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak
the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name
forever and ever.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and

to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to

eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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, Gayleen Eden,
Eric Fass, Haleigh Werner & Will Yank*

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
box in the south office. You may email the church office
grace68329@gmail.com*

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

Today 8/6/23

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Next Sunday 8/13/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

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

School Kit items for Lutheran World Relief are being collected.

The items needed are:

70 sheet spiral notebooks (4 each school kit),

Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons,

Ball point Pens,

Unsharpened #2 Pencils,

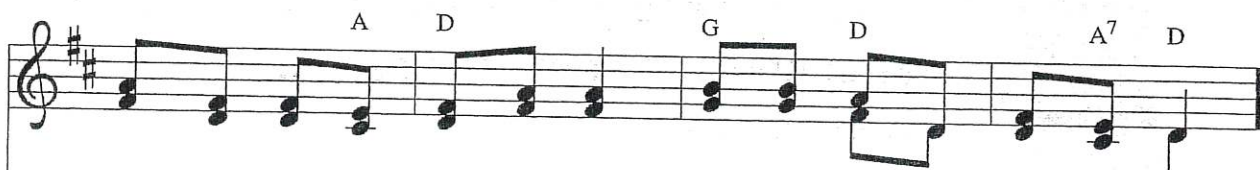
and 12 inch rulers.

School Sales are happening!

Jesus Loves Me!



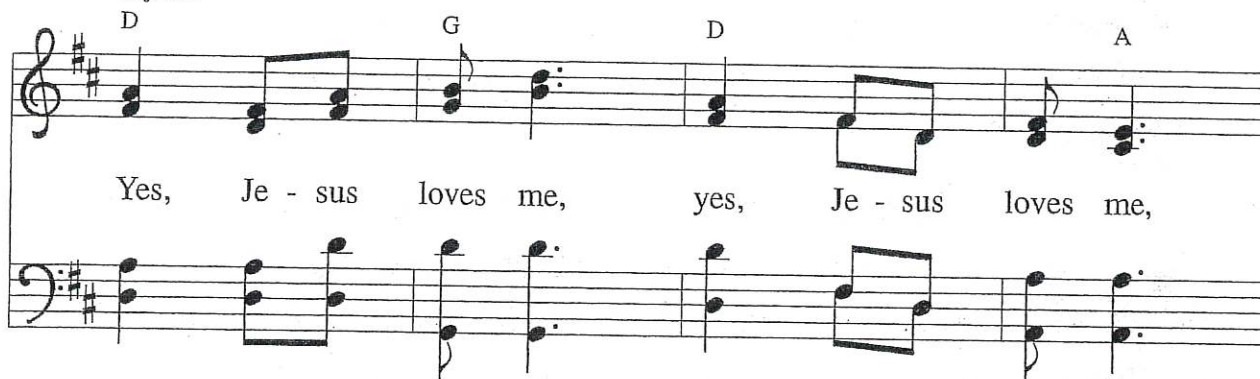
1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



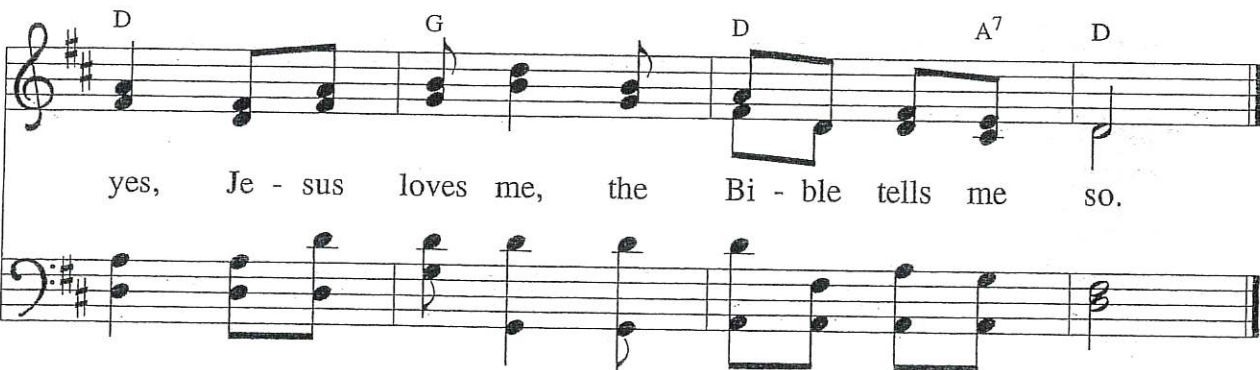
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.



Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

GO AND...

SHARE YOUR STORY

Children freely share their stories – often full of actions, sound effects, and details (sometimes minute) that bring a story to life. We all have a story to share: stories of families, friendships, histories, and faith. We connect the dots and see our connections.

Questions to Consider:

- When was the last time you listened to a child tell a story? What did you hear?
- What is a biblical story that connects with your own story?
- What is your story? Where are you GOING to share your story?

Prayer: Creator God, our story starts and ends with you. Give us the wisdom to see where and how we might share our stories and the courage to share them. Amen.

Suggested Song: Jesus Loves Me (ELW 595)

Learn More at www.nebraskasynod.org

*A Little is a Lot
in God's hands...*

