

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

## 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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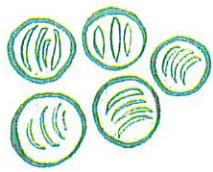
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## Benediction & Dismissal

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

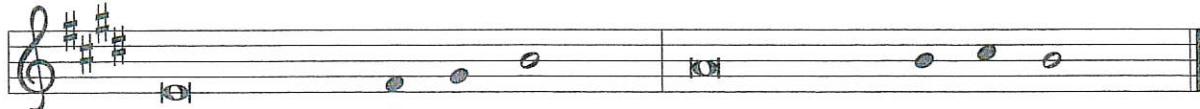
Isaiah 55:1-5

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.  
<sup>2</sup>Why 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.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline 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.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the  
    peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the  
    peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, 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 <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
    slow to anger and  
    abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup>LORD, you are <sup>1</sup> good to all,  
    and your compassion  
    is over <sup>1</sup> all your works.  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all <sup>1</sup> those who fall  
    and lifts up those  
    who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down.  
<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon <sup>1</sup> you,  
O LORD,  
    and you give them their food  
    <sup>1</sup> in due season.

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

continued

Psalm, continued

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

<sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak  
the praise <sup>1</sup> of the **LORD**;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name  
forev- <sup>1</sup> er 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—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For 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. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and

to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to 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. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When 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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to

eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then 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. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And 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  
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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)

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

