

*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

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Postlude

We pray always for . . .

Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Eric Fass, Gayleen Eden,

Haleigh Werner & Will Yank

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 27, 2023

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue
righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were
hewn,
and to the quarry from which you
were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him
many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the
LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

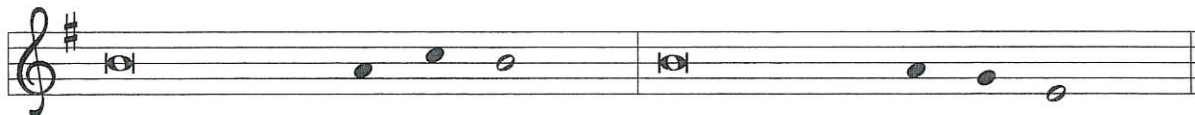
⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the
peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a
garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be
ended.

Psalm

Psalm 138; tone 9



I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods
I will ¹ sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy
temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love
and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name
and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength
within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth**
will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words
¹ of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

continued

⁶The LORD is high,
yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.
⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ¹ pose
for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love
endures forever;
do not abandon
the works ¹ of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,

each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not

revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

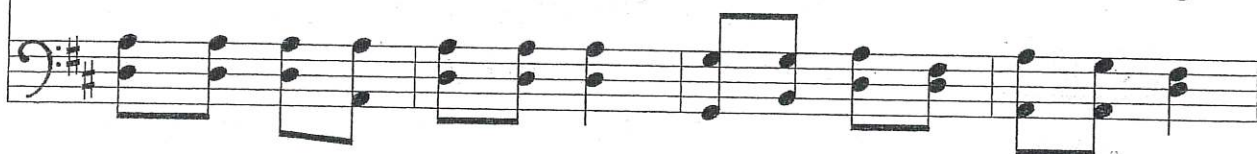
Jesus Loves Me!



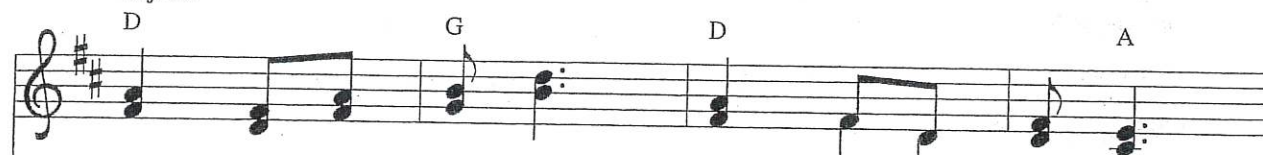
1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



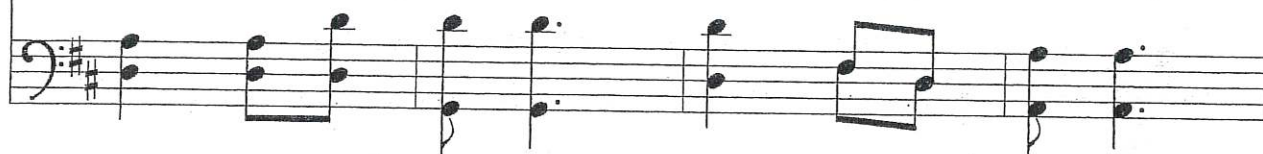
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.



Refrain



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



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



*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 8/27/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 8/30/23

Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 9/3/23

Worship with Communion – 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!

Go And.....