

Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

for where
TWO OR MORE
gather
IN MY NAME
I am with
them

MATTHEW 18:20

By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Today's Readings

Sunday, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

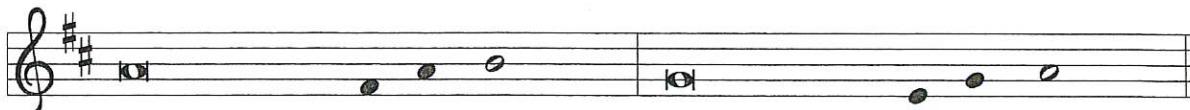
So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked

shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40; tone 1



Teach me, O LORD,
the way ¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it ¹ to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding,
and I shall ¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with ¹ all my heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path
of ¹ your commandments,
for that is ¹ my desire.
³⁶Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees
and not to ¹ unjust gain.
³⁷Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding
falsehood;
give me life ¹ in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise ¹ to your
servant,
which is for ¹ those who fear you.
³⁹Turn away the reproach
¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments
are good.
⁴⁰Behold, I long for ¹ your
commandments;
by your righteousness
en- ¹ liven me.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for

you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even

to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Refrain F

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet: this is the way we will live with you.

We pray always for . . .

*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.*

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

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the
south office. Church office email grace68329@gmail.com*

Today 9/10/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday 9/11/23

Have a Happy & Safe Patriot's Day!

Bible Study – 3:30 p.m. NOTE TIME CHANGE

Wednesday 9/13/23

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 9/17/23

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

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

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

Sunday School begins again TODAY following worship at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Cook Community Seniors!

Please join the Kids for Christ program at Grace Lutheran on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for a meal prepared and served by the members of Kids for Christ.

The meal will be available at no cost to you on those Wednesdays for you at approximately 5:00 – 5:15 p.m. Please register by calling the church at **402-864-4201** and leave a message that you will be attending – these messages must be received by the Monday before the 2nd or 4th Wednesday.

Come for fellowship with our Cook Community Youth!

GO AND...

SERVE WITH NEIGHBORS

As Mr. Rogers asked us – “Who is your neighbor?” Love grounds us as we engage with our neighbors living next door, the people in surrounding communities, and those living beyond our own horizons. Accompaniment calls us to use our God-given gifts and talents as we collaborate, learn from each other, and together walk in agape love.

Questions to Consider:

- Who is your neighbor? How do you know?
- What did you discover in walking with your neighbor?
- As you GO with your neighbors, how do you describe your vocation?

Prayer: God of Accompaniment, you meet us where we are at. Help us meet our neighbors wherever they might be and walk with them. Amen.

Suggested Songs: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (ELW 708) & God’s Work, Our Hands (ACS 1000)

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