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Welcomes You!*



Join Us for
WORSHIP

By Grace you have been saved!

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 9, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD

said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalm

Psalm 130; tone 6



Out ¹ of the depths

I cry to ¹ you, O LORD;

²O LORD, ¹ hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my ¹ supplication.

³If you were to keep watch ¹ over sins,
O LORD, ¹ who could stand?

⁴Yet with you ¹ is forgiveness,
in order that you ¹ may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; ¹ my soul waits;
in your word ¹ is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch

¹ for the morning,

more than those who keep watch
¹ for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD

there is ¹ steadfast love;

with the LORD

there is plen- ¹ teous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall ¹ redeem Israel
from ¹ all their sins.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our

inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

[Jesus] went home; and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the

strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34.

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We pray always for . . .

Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Becky Knake, & Haleigh Werner

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Winfrida, Vanesa, Juliet & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring
in Tanzania.*

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Today 6/9/24

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 6/10/24

Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.

Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 6/19/24 **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

SUNKEN GARDENS TOUR, JUNE 28TH

The Stewardship Committee invites you to join in a tour of Sunken Gardens on Friday, June 28, 2024. The Gardens are located at 2600 D Street, Lincoln, NE. You will witness God's creation reflecting His creativity and splendor. Please meet at the church parking lot. We will leave Cook at 9:15 am. We will share a meal together at Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Ave at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Cheryl Grundman, 402-873-2468 by text or calling. I must have a meal count by Tuesday morning June 25th.

75th Anniversary Celebration

The countdown starts – only two weeks left until we celebrate God's ministry through Grace Lutheran Church! As of June 6th, we have 239 adults and 17 youth registered for a total of 256 people, this includes 107 confirmands.

We are still accepting reservations. If someone you know wants to attend, but hasn't registered, please encourage them to do so. We will not turn anyone away. However, we need to make sure we have enough chairs in church and our caterer would like as much of an accurate count as possible.

There is a signup sheet on the back table in the church asking for donations of pastries and fruit for the morning coffee bar. Please consider helping in this area. Through your generous gifts we have now raised \$2,550 for the noon meal. Thank you!

Highlights of the June 23rd celebration include:

- **8:30 a.m.** – Registration is open with coffee, pastries, fruit, and fellowship on the church parking lot. Special music will be provided by the "Grace Notes."
- **10:00 a.m.** – The worship service includes Nebraska ELCA Bishop Scott Johnson delivering the sermon, John Weber as organist, and Kari Thorberg Borlaug as cantor. A special choir will sing, and the youth handbell choir will perform.
- **12 noon** – A catered meal will be served following worship at the JCC-Cook Site new gym. Thank you to Penny Weber for making the cupcakes for dessert and to Alta Bohling, Kris Ebeler, and Eleta Eisenhower for creating the table centerpieces.

Gators will be available to transport people, if necessary, from the church to the school. Parking at the school initially might help with traffic flow.

- 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee