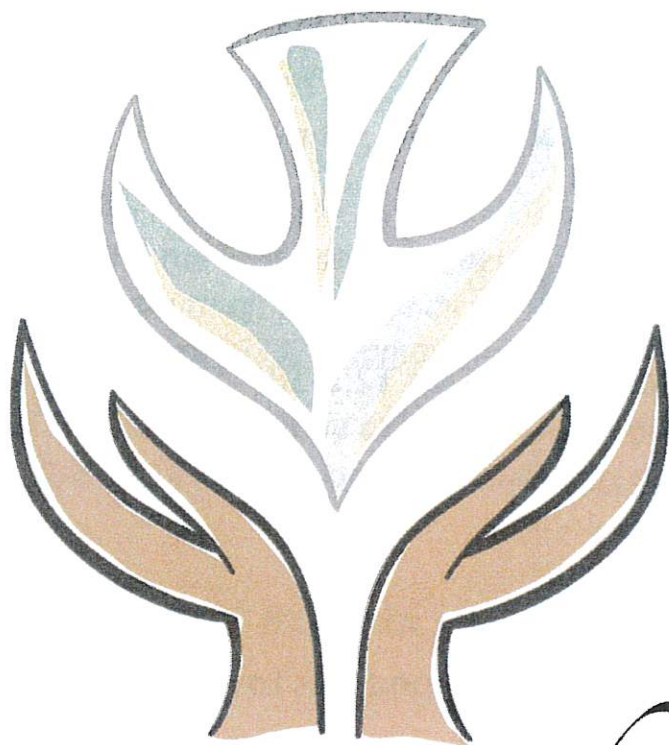


Grace Lutheran Church

Welcomes you to

The Great Thanksgiving



Join Us for
WORSHIP

Everyone is Welcome!

Taste and See that the Lord is Good,

Let us rejoice together!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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We carry the “light” out into the world! Depart to serve!



Today's Readings

Sunday, July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

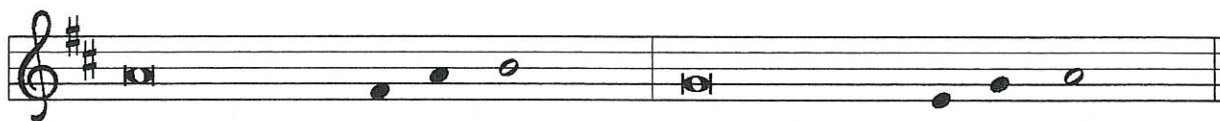
Ezekiel 2:1-5

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors

have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm

Psalm 123; tone 1



To you I lift ¹ up my eyes,
to you enthroned ¹ in the heavens.
²As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid
to the hand ¹ of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you,
O LORD our God,
until you show ¹ us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O ¹ LORD,
have mercy,
for we have had
more than enough ¹ of contempt,
⁴too much of the scorn
of the in- ¹ dolent rich,
and of the derision
¹ of the proud.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering

the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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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 . . .

*Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Katie Eggers, Becky Knake &
Haleigh Werner*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Winfrieda, Juliet, Vanesa & 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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Today 7/7/24

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 7/8/24

Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 7/11/24

Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 7/14/24

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Osage Ice Cream Social – 5-7 p.m.

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

Thank you, John Weber, for being our Organist today!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 15-19 at St. Paul's UCC Osage. It will be held from 5:30 – 7:45 and all PreK through 6th Grade are invited to attend. Supper will be provided each night and the VBS Kids will perform at the Community Church Service on July 21st at 9:00 a.m.

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.

90th Birthday Card Shower

Arlene Sillman Panko will be turning 90 years young on July 16th. Please celebrate with her with a card shower.
Address—370 Swanson Dr., Syracuse, NE 68446

The WELCA Saved to Serve will be August 2-4 in Blair. The women attending will be working at the Dana Village. This Village is to enable young adults exiting out of Foster Care and move into affordable housing apartments at the former Dana College. Please find a listing of items that will be collected for these apartments. There is quite a list – but remember when you had to set up your own apartment or one for your child. You can also apply for a Thrivent Gift Card to help with the expense of items collected.

Please pick up a list and add the supplies to the totes at the back of the church.