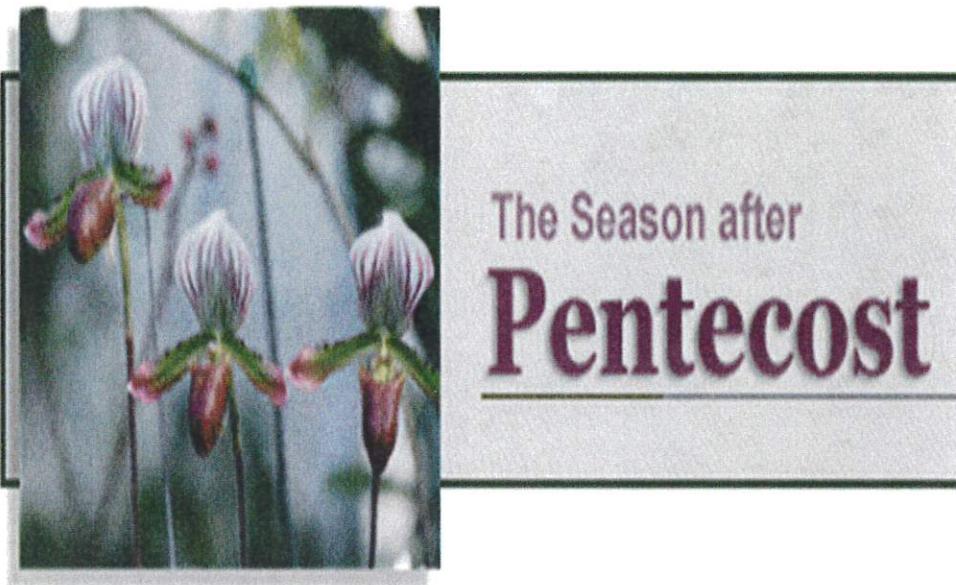


Grace Lutheran Church

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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 29, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #424 – “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen. Assembly sits.

GREETING - p. 203

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE - p. 204a

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert.

FIRST READING – 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING – Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

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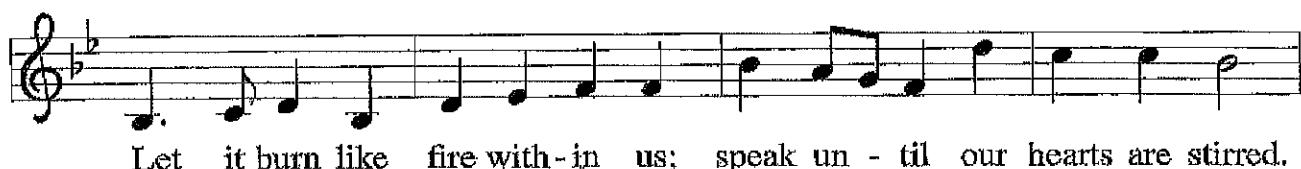
A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – p. 205a

S 205a



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with- in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 9:51-62 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #812 – “Faith of Our Fathers”

APOSTLES CREED - p. 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - p. 206 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" hymn - ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LORD'S PRAYER - p. 208 – *Please stand in body or spirit for the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

**as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

**and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

SENDING SONG – ELW #427 – "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

POSTLUDE

Announcements

TODAY 6/29/25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Burr Community Worship @ Hope Lutheran – 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for
fellowship in the
basement
following worship ☺

FRIDAY 7/4/25

Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

NEXT SUNDAY 7/6/25 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship



We pray always for . . .

Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knaake,
Richard Roesener, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfida, Juliana, Hassan, and Evance, orphans sponsored in Tanzania

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)

Vacation Bible School 2025

Hosted by: Grace Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC Osage, and Hope Lutheran

All Kids Pre-K through 6th Grade are Invited to Attend.

Minimum age of 3 years old by July 14 and must be fully potty trained.

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 306 N 1st Street, Cook, NE 68329

When: July 14-18, 2025

5:30 – 7:45 pm each night

Supper provided during VBS.

VBS Kids will perform songs at the Community Church Service on July 20th!

RSVP: Please RSVP by June 27 to ensure we have the necessary t-shirts, food, and craft supplies.

Use the QR Code to go directly to registration link or go directly to the following registration link (Google form):

<https://forms.gle/mXb4pNRu4GCetRwL7>

No Cost to Attend.





Today's Readings

Sunday, June 29, 2025
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

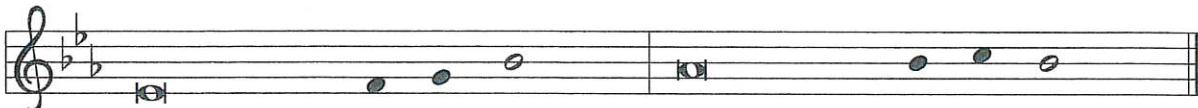
Then the LORD said to [Elijah], “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah

passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm



Protect me, O God,
for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD,
“You are my Lord,
my good above all others.”
2All my delight is in the godly
that are in the land,
upon those who are noble
among the people.
3But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles
multiplied.
4I will not pour out drink offerings
to such gods,
never take their names
upon my lips.
5O LORD, you are my portion
and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

6My boundaries
enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
7I will bless the LORD
who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me
night after night.
8I have set the LORD
always before me;
because God is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.
9My heart, therefore, is glad,
and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
10For you will not abandon me
to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

continued

¹¹You will show me the ¹ path of life;
in your presence
there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand
are pleasures for- ¹ evermore.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what

you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you

wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."