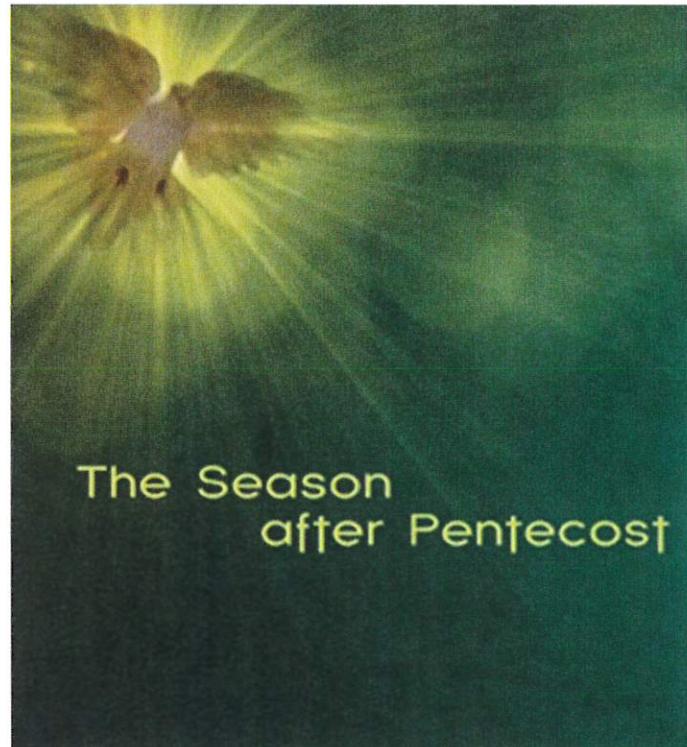


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*Everyone is Welcome!  
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,  
Let us rejoice together!*

# Grace Lutheran Church

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG** - ELW #803 – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**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 <sup>†</sup>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 <sup>†</sup>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. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Isaiah 66:10-14 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:1-9** - Please see insert and read responsively

**SECOND READING** – Galatians 6:1-16 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – p. 205a

S 205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your say - 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 10:1-11, 16-20 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 #663 – “Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”

#### NICENE CREED - p. 104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he  
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He  
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no  
end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken  
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We  
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

#### PEACE - p. 206 *Please stand in body or spirit*

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

### 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.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING - p. 206**

**LORD'S PRAYER - p. 208**

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.

**LAMB OF GOD - p. 208**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING - p. 113**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.  
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

**BLESSING - p. 209 - Response after the blessing:**

**A: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL - p. 209 - Response after the dismissal:**

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

**SENDING SONG - ELW #888 – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

Postlude

## Announcements

### TODAY 7/6/25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

### NEXT SUNDAY 7/13/25 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Osage Church of Christ Ice Cream Social – 5 – 7 p.m.

*The Cook Museum is requesting donations of pies and baked goods for the Museum bake sale on July 20th.*

*Also, contact Kris Gerking if you would be able to volunteer to help at the Food Stand from 11:00 – 3:00.*

### **We pray always for . . .**

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

### **We also remember in our prayers . . .**

*Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania*

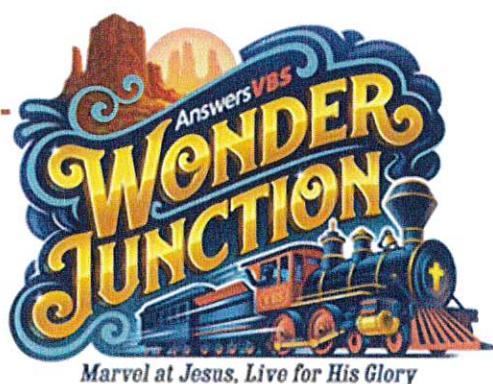
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*You may email the church office [grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

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

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

## Vacation Bible School 2025



**Hosted by Grace Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC Osage & Hope Lutheran Churches**

**July 14-18, 2025 at  
Grace Lutheran Church**

**5:30 – 7:45 p.m. each night**

**VBS Kids will perform songs at the Community Service on July 20<sup>th</sup>!**



# Today's Readings

Sunday, July 6, 2025  
4th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

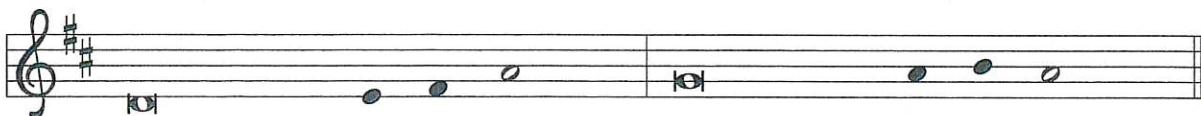
Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad  
for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.  
  
<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an  
overflowing stream;

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

and you shall nurse and be carried on  
her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
  
<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the  
LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his  
enemies.

## Psalm

**Psalm 66:1-9; tone 4**



Be joyful in God, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
be joyful, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup>Sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's name;  
sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's praise.  
<sup>3</sup>Say to God,  
"How awesome <sup>1</sup> are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength  
your enemies <sup>1</sup> cringe before you.  
<sup>4</sup>All the earth bows <sup>1</sup> down before you,  
sings to you, sings <sup>1</sup> out your name."  
<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds  
<sup>1</sup> toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went  
through the wa- <sup>1</sup> ter on foot,  
and there we re- <sup>1</sup> joiced in God.  
<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might,  
God keeps watch o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- <sup>1</sup> alt themselves.  
<sup>8</sup>Bless our <sup>1</sup> God, you peoples;  
let the sound of <sup>1</sup> praise be heard.  
<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup> mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup> feet to slip.

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we

do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## Gospel

### Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of

God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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