

Grace Lutheran Church

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #556 – “Morning Has Broken”

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 – Isaiah 58:9b-14 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-8 - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:18-29 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

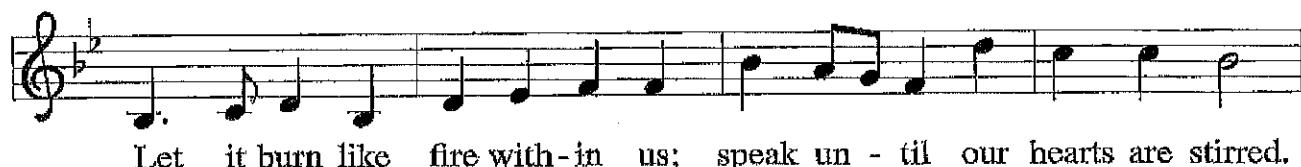
A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – p. 205a

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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 13:10-17 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 #441 – “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”

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.

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.

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

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER – SING – See Handout – *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 #886 – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

POSTLUDE

We pray always for . . .

Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, & Char Helgren

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

Announcements

TODAY 8/24/25 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

WEDNESDAY 8/27/25

Parents/Students Confirmation Meeting @ Grace Lutheran- 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 8/31/25 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

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)***

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

Hello Tanzania Sponsors,

Thank you again for sponsoring students at a school in Tanzania! If you would like to send a letter to your students, you may do so now. You can send a photo and **up to \$20 in cash** to each student if you would like to, but it is not required. Please have letters back to the church office **no later than September 2nd**, to be delivered to Sheridan by the 6th.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of all of these students in Tanzania!

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 Blunt Scissors.

School Sales are happening!

Donations are welcome to help

purchase the items and

Thrivent Action team funds will help fill these back packs.



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 24, 2025
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Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

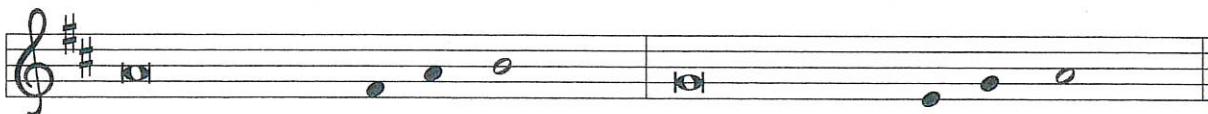
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations
of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of
the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the
sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests
on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD
honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or
pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the
LORD,
and I will make you ride upon
the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of
your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1-8; tone 1



Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's ¹ holy name.
²Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul,
and forget not ¹ all God's benefits—
³who forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your diseases;
⁴who redeems your life ¹ from the grave
and crowns you
with steadfast ¹ love and mercy;
⁵who satisfies your desires
with good things

so that your youth is renewed
¹ like an eagle's.
⁶O LORD, you provide ¹ vindication
and justice for all who
¹ are oppressed.
⁷You made known your ¹ ways to Moses
and your works
to the chil- ¹dren of Israel.
⁸LORD, you are full of compas- ¹ sion
and mercy,
slow to anger
and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death."²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that

speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which

work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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Next Sunday's Readings: Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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