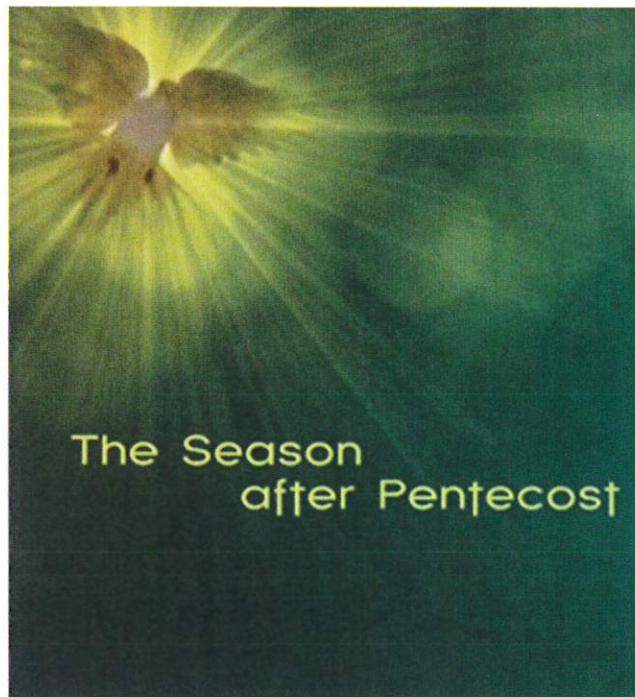


Grace Lutheran Church

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #705 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 - ELW 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 - ELW p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 204a

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert.

FIRST READING – Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146 - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING – 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW 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 16:19-31 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 #729 – “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

APOSTLES CREED - ELW 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 - ELW #884 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.*

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

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - ELW p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

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

SENDING SONG – ELW #712 – “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

POSTLUDE

Nebraska Synod Justice Priorities: In Person Listening Posts

Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting this program on Monday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Please open the link below to learn more about this learning opportunity for Grace and surrounding Nebraska Churches.

<https://nebraskasynod.org/deiaa-listening-posts/>

LET'S CELEBRATE!

MISSION FESTIVAL, PASTOR'S 40 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY, AND PASTOR'S 70TH BIRTHDAY!

Mission Festival is October 5th at Grace Lutheran Church with the Joint Worship Service starting at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Helgren will reflect on his 40 Years in the Ministry.

The Offering will go to the Discretionary Fund. A Meal will follow worship, pork sandwiches, place settings & drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or two.

At 12:30 p.m. members from the community and area Pastor's will join us for cake

We pray always for . . .

*Pastor Steve Billington, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Aleisha McDonald,
Diane Roesener & Richard Roesener*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

Announcements

TODAY 9/28/25 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

MONDAY 9/29/25

Nebraska Synod Justice Priorities: In Person Listening Posts – 7:00 p.m.

At Grace Lutheran Church – Everyone welcome to attend!

WEDNESDAY 10/1/25

Confirmation - 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 10/5/25 17th Sunday after Pentecost

MISSION FESTIVAL

Joint Worship with Communion – 10:00 a.m.

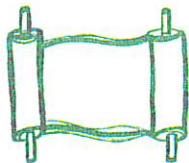
Potluck Luncheon to follow worship

Celebration with cake for community – 12:30 p.m.

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)***



Today's Readings

Sunday, September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

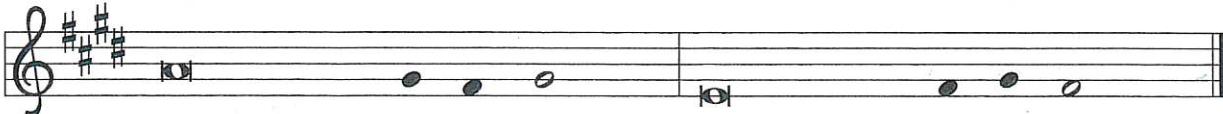
Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on
Mount Samaria.

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound
of the harp,

and like David improvise on
instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest
oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of
Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to
go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall
pass away.

Psalm

Psalm 146; tone 5



Hal-¹ lelujah!
Praise the **LORD**,¹ O my soul!
²I will praise the **LORD** as long
¹ as I live;
I will sing praises to my God
while I¹ have my being.
³Put not your¹ trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there
¹ is no help.
⁴When they breathe their last,
they re-¹ turn to earth,
and in that day
¹ their thoughts perish.
⁵Happy are they who have
the God of Jacob¹ for their help,
whose hope is in the
¹ **LORD** their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that¹ is in them;
who keeps promises¹ es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those
who are oppressed,
and food to¹ those who hunger.
The **LORD** sets the¹ captive free.
⁸The **LORD** opens the eyes of the blind;
the **LORD** lifts up those
who¹ are bowed down;
the **LORD**¹ loves the righteous.
⁹The **LORD** cares¹ for the stranger;
the **LORD** sustains
the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way
¹ of the wicked.
¹⁰The **LORD** shall¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout
all generations. ¹ Hallelujah!

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his

testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your

good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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