

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*Join Us for
WORSHIP*

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

Grace Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

P: We gratefully acknowledge the Native People on whose ancestral homelands we gather: the Oto and the Missouria. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities. May all who call this land "home" continue to work together for the healing of all nations and the establishment of justice and peace for all people.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG - ELW #838 – "Beautiful Savior"

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. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Please see insert.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9 - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 1:1-14 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 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 17:5-10 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 #685 – “Take My Life, That I May Be”

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 – ELW p.206

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE – ELW 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 - ELW #689 - “Praise and Thanksgiving”

GREAT THANKSGIVING - p. 206

LORD’S PRAYER – ELW 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 – ELW p. 208

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COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING – ELW 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 – ELW p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

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

A: Thanks be to God. The assembly sits.

SENDING SONG - ELW #840 – “Now Thank We All Our God”

Postlude

We pray always for . . .

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

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

Announcements

TODAY 10/5/25 17th Sunday after Pentecost

MISSION FESTIVAL

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

Potluck Luncheon to follow worship

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

WEDNESDAY 10/8/25

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 10/12/25 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 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

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth
perverted.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say
to me,
and what he will answer concerning
my complaint.
²Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
³For there is still a vision for the
appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm

Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous
of those ¹ who do wrong.
²For they shall soon wither
¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.
³Put your trust in the LORD
¹ and do good;
dwell in the land
and ¹ find safe pasture.
⁴Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you
your ¹ heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;
put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
⁶The LORD will make your vindication as
clear ¹ as the light
and the justice of your case
like the ¹ noonday sun.
⁷Be still before the LORD
and wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked
by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds
in ¹ evil schemes.

Psalm 37:1-9; tone 5

continued

⁸Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked;
it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD
shall pos- ¹ sess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner,

but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the

table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”