

*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

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – (ELW p. 94)

Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the $\dagger$ 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 $\dagger$ 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)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE - (ELW p. 204b)



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see handout.

FIRST READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - Please see handout and read responsively

SECOND READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW 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

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL – Please see handout.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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 – (ELW p. 206)

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER – (ELW 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 – (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

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for
fellowship in the
basement
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)***

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Song— ELW # 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Hymn of the Day – ELW # 756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Sending Song – ELW # 632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

We pray always for . . .

The Friends and Families of Todd Dorn

The Friends and Families of Keith Weber

*Louis & Grace Bentzinger, Gerry Brezenski, Mike Carman, Linda Daniels, Julie Effken,
Elaine Hauberg, Kathi Johnson & Diane Roesener*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Juliana, Hassan, Jackline & Charles, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

Announcements

TODAY 8/9/26 *11th Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Grace – **9:30 a.m.**

Service to be led by Erin Ebeler

Special Meeting following worship

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

MONDAY 8/10/26

Grace and Hope Bible Study at Grace – 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 8/11/26

Keith Weber Funeral – 10:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 8/16/26 *12th Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship w/Communion at **Hope** – **9:30 a.m.**

Service to be led by Pastor Jim Helgren

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

*For bulletin or newsletter information please contact Diane Wilken @402-297-3863 or
email the church office grace68329@gmail.com*

Pastor Kate Woolf will be available for the month of August in case of emergencies.
Her cell phone # is 316-371-0803

*Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to the families of
Todd Dorn and Keith Weber*

**Todd Dorn passed away on August 2nd at the age of 62
years. His funeral was held here at Grace Lutheran
yesterday, August 8th.**

**Keith Weber passed away on August 5th and his funeral will
be held here at Grace Lutheran on Tuesday, August 11th.**

Faith, Grace & Hope Welcome Pastor Kate Woolf

with a Worship Service & Potluck Dinner



Sunday, September 13th

at Grace Lutheran

10:00 am Worship

with potluck to follow

*Come worship with us as we welcome Pastor Kate Woolf, who will serve our
three congregations as we begin this new ministry together. Following the
service, please stay for fellowship and a potluck dinner as we celebrate this
exciting new chapter for our church families. Bring a dish of your choice.*

Everyone is welcome!



Today's Readings

Sunday, August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

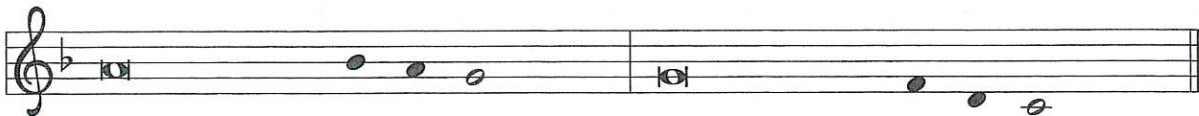
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the

entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "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. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13; tone 2



I will listen to what
the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace
to your faithful people
and to those
who turn their | hearts to you.
⁹Truly, your salvation is very near
to | those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell
| in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness
have | met together;
righteousness and peace
have | kissed each other.
¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up
| from the earth,

continued

and righteousness
shall look¹ down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go
be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare
for¹ God a pathway.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness,

and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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