

Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

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Sunday Worship 9:00am



July 11, 2021 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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Today's Praise
7th Sunday after Pentecost
“ Educating Our Nation”
July 11, 2021

As We Gather As we gather for worship in the temple of the Lord, God calls us to remember that we are His temple, created on the foundation of Jesus Christ in order that we might be built into His temple, which serves His purpose of proclaiming His love to all the world. We have been called by God to share Him with our family, friends, co-workers, and even the strangers in our midst. Do others see you as God's holy temple?

Lighting of the Candles, Bells, Welcome by Pastor

Opening Song “*As the Deer*”

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though you are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. You alone are my strength my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

3. I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

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Invocation (We recognize that our Triune God is present)
In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit
Amen!

FUNERAL There will be a funeral for Regina Oltmanns on Saturday July 17th at 9:00am.

✠Those Serving Next Week July 18, 2021✠

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Ushers: Gene Petersen & Chad Peters
Reader: Allyn Anderson
Music: Ruth Alexander
Trustee: Bryan Heeren

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Main Street Living
3204 S. Lakeport Street,
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PRAYER CHAIN If you are interested in being on the prayer chain please either let the church office know or sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

NO BIBLE STUDY Until further notice there will be no adult Bible class on Sunday mornings. We will let you know when it will start back up. Thank you

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS did you know you can choose to have your Thrivent Choice dollars directed to support Grace Lutheran's Ministry? Feel free to contact our representative, Joni Kellen at 712-541-5074. Your support is appreciated.

POTLUCK There will be a potluck brunch followed by Bible bingo after the church service on July 18th please save the date

UPDATING MEMBER INFORMATION We are updating the Church's database and are asking for the congregation to help with this task. If you could fill out the form with the following information; (Please Print) Name, Baptism date, Confirmation date, Any other information that needs to be updated. (Phone number, address, email address.) There is a form located outside the office door and at the back of the church. Once it's filled out please put information in the box outside the office. Thank you.

TIME CHANGE The time of the Sudanese Sunday school has changed to Saturdays at 4pm.

Confession & Absolution (We confess our sins, and receive God's forgiveness)

Together, let us confess our sins to God
Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. Once again I long to hear Your Word of grace. Forgive me, I pray, for the sake of the atoning work of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Savior. Cleanse me of my sin; take away my guilt; and by the Holy Spirit, set me free to serve You on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Amen

In the place of and by the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I announce to you that the sins you have truly confessed to God are forgiven. Your guilt is removed. Be at peace. Live as God's dear children, and serve Him by serving others. In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Collect of the Day

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Readings from God's Word

Old Testament Lesson Amos 7:7-15 (Amos Accused)

⁷This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words."¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."¹² And Amaziah

said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there,¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs.¹⁵ But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14 (Spiritual Blessings in Christ)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

◆Those Serving Us This Week◆

Elders: Mark Heimgartner
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Reader: Allyn Anderson
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Trustee: Ken Urban

VISITORS! If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give during the offerings. But you are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We just desire that you give to God out of what He has blessed you with.
Pastor

DON'T HAVE CASH TODAY? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Download the free Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. You may mail in or drop off your offering as well!

PRAYERS Kuai Mapur

CHRISTIAN NEEDS is collecting the following items– Jelly, Cereal, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Pancake Syrup, Canned Fruit, Pasta Noodles, Shampoo, Toothpaste , Toilet paper, Paper towels

ANYONE INTERESTED? in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) or Citizenship classes for the Sudanese is asked to talk to Pastor Mapur or Pastor Geitz.

MAIN STREET LIVING Next weeks This is the Life 10:00am – “No Laughing Matter” – A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

Worship Service 10:30am– Rev. David Viggers of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Odebolt, IA, delivers the message “You Give Them Something To Eat” based on Matthew 6:30-44. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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◆News & Notes for July 11, 2021◆

◆This Week at Grace Lutheran◆

Sun, July 11: Worship at 9:00am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

Mon, July 12: Bible Study 9:00am
Elders Meeting 7:00pm

Wed, July 14: 4H Project 5:00pm

Sat, July 17: Regina Oltmanns Funeral 9:00am
Sudanese Sunday School 4:00pm

Sun, July 18: Worship at 9:00am w/HC
Potluck 10:30am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:14-29 (The Death of John the Baptist)

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Song of the Day #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

1 The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the Word. From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth; Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?” And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Sermon (Meditation on a portion of God’s Word)
“Educating Our Nation” Ephesians 1:3-14

Offertory “We Are an Offering”

1. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering, Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are Yours We are an offering

Refrain: All that we have, All that we are, All that we hope to be, We give to You, We give to You

2. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering, We are an offering

Refrain: All that we have, All that we are, All that we hope to be, We give to You, We give to You

3. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering, .Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are Yours We are an offering, We are an offering

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Prayers for the People of God

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

Closing Song “Shine, Jesus, Shine!”

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set