

PACK THE CHURCH Rally “Sundae” September 12! Please Join us as we kick off the new Sunday school year with a congregational potluck, and a build your own sundae for dessert! So rally up your favorite dish, and we will provide the ice cream toppings! See you there.

DIGITAL SIGN At the voters' meeting last Sunday it was voted to purchase a new digital electronic outside sign . The cost is \$31,821.75 plus tax. We received a memorial of \$20,000 from the Paul Stahmer estate, and have \$5900 in the sign designated memorial fund. **After receiving gifts totaling \$2,975, this leaves a rounded off balance of \$3,025.** Further donations can be given by marking your money envelope with "Sign Donation". For questions contact one of the sign project members: Brenda Bainbridge, Lola Fitch, Jennifer Heisterkamp, Sheila Kleihauer, or Jay Faber.

GRACE LADIES NIGHT OUT The Ladies of Grace are invited to attend a Ladies night out on September 9, 2021 at 6:00pm. There is a sign up sheet on the office door, if interested please sign up. For More information please contact Lois Ohlendorf or Lola Fitch.

GRACES' CRAFTY CHRISTIANS Those signed up for the September 16th event, it is request that if you are able to please bring; Hot glue gun, Hot Glue Sticks, Ruler, and Scissors.

✦Those Serving Next Week September 12, 2021✦

Elders: Tony Heisterkamp

Ushers: Gene Petersen and Allyn Anderson

Reader: Lynn Buss

Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp

Trustee: Andy Jahn

Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

www.gracelemars.org

Sunday Worship 9:00am



September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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Worship Broadcast on Local Channel 12 ~ Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Missionaries:

Pastor Carl and Chen His Li Hanson, Asia Region

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster, Prague, Czech Republic

Dr. Stephen and Maggie Oliver, Taiwan and Asia Region

Rev. Paul Flo-South Sioux City Hispanic Ministry

Nathan Nelson-Seminary Student

**Labor Day Service
September 5, 2021**

Opening Hymn # 744 “Amazing Grace”

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven’s joy and peace.

5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

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Invocation:

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Litany of Labor

Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

You placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to till and keep it.

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PRAYERS Kim Bierwirth, Melinda Schwartz

CHRISTIAN NEEDS is collecting the following items Soup, Mac & Cheese, Juice, Canned mixed vegetables (peas, carrots, tomatoes, mixed vegg), Box or bag potatoes, Shampoo, Toothpaste

MAIN STREET LIVING Next weeks This is the Life 10:00am – “Tina” – Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

Worship Service 10:30am– Rev. Dr. Ray Ohlendorf (Retired) from Trinity Lutheran Church in Marcus, IA, delivers the message “You Can Trust Jesus” based on Mark 9:24. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

SUPPORTING ON MAIN STREET If you would like to help support the weekly broadcast of On Main Street by Lutheran Hour Ministries, you can send a check to:

Main Street Living
3204 S. Lakeport Street,
Sioux City, IA 51106.

SUNDAY SCHOOL On September 12th, Sunday school children from pre-k thru 7th grade will have a chance to meet their teachers and see their rooms. Parents are welcome to come with their children. Regular classes with lessons will sat September 19th for pre-k thru 12th grades.

CONFIRMATION MEETING There will be a mandatory meeting for all confirmation students and parents on September 8, 2021 at 7:00pm. Details about the coming year will be provide. Please make plans to attend.

News & Notes for September 5, 2021

✦This Week at Grace Lutheran✦

- Sun, Sept 5:** **Worship at 9:00am/HC**
Bible study 10:15
Trustee Meeting 11:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm
- Mon, Sept 6:** Office Closed
- Wed Sept 8:** Confirmation Meeting 7:00pm
- Thur, Sept 9:** Grace Ladies Night Out 6:00pm
- Sat, Sept 11:** Sudanese Sunday School 4:00pm
- Sun, Sept 12:** **Worship at 9:00am**
Rally Sundaes
Congregational Potluck 10:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

✦Those Serving Us This Week✦

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Ushers: Gene Petersen and Allyn Anderson
Reader: Lynn Buss
Music: Ruth Alexander
Trustee: Bryan Heeren

HOLY COMMUNION If you are a visitor to our service and would like to take Holy Communion, we ask that you please speak to an Usher for more information. We take God's Word seriously when we are told to administer this Sacrament correctly, and would like to make sure that your spiritual needs are taken care of. Also, the center ring of communion cups contains non-alcoholic wine, if you would prefer that option. Thank You, Pastor Geitz.

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.

Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

By our labor, you enrich the world.

By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

By our labor, our families are made secure.

For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Keep us from laboring only for greed.

Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing of the Hands

Bless, O God, the hands that work the land; hands that move earth, plant seeds and harvest, hands with callouses and dirty fingernails, strong hands.

Bless the hands that use machines; hands that drive cars, trucks and forklifts, hands on computer keyboards, capable hands.

Bless the hands that make things; hands that manufacture and create, working wood and metal and plastic, practical hands.

The Benediction

The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

Amen

Closing Hymn #763 *“When Peace, Like a River”*

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (It is well), with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

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Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Sermon “Work Until You Drop?” Matthew 9:35-38

Prayer of the Church

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

Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
Amen

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns: 570, 809, 537

The Blessing

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Amen

Bless the hands that clean; hands that wash, mop and scrub,
hands that know what to do with soap, determined hands.

Bless the hands that make music and art; hands that play
instruments and hold paintbrushes, hands that are creative
tools, artistic hands.

Bless the hands that care for people; hands that cook and feed,
heal and nurture, hands with a gentle touch, loving hands.

Bless the hands that are generous; hands that give away money
and food, hands that are always trying to be empty, Christ-like
hands.

Bless the tiny, baby hands. Bless the strong adult hands. Bless
the hands that are folded in prayer. Bless the hands that are
lifted in praise. Our hands do the work of your hands, O God
our Creator.

Amen

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the
recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the
eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf
unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the
tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the
wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall
become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our
Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a
gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a
poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay
attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You
sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You

stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to Thee, O Lord!

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn #770 “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.