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Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

1430 7th Ave. SE, Le Mars, Iowa

www.gracelemars.org

Sunday Worship 9:00am

**Sunday School (Sept-May) & Adult Bible Study
10:15am**



Rally Sundae

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠
Service of Prayer and Preaching
September 12, 2021

Ringling of the Bells & Greeting

Opening Hymn #790 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul,
praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to
His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning And, as
on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is
needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health
has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need
or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life
and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound
from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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Opening Sentences and Common Response p. 260

This is the day which the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord
Teach me Your paths.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Today 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.

PACK THE CHURCH Rally “Sundae”! Today 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 today at 10:15am.

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

RUMAGE SALE The sale will take place on Friday, Oct. 8th from 12:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturday, Oct. 9th from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Items may be dropped off at the church beginning on Sunday, Oct. 3rd and Monday, Oct. 4th thru Oct. 7th. From 8:00am to 4:00pm . Items should not be broken or have missing piece, and be clean and in condition to sell. No large furniture or Large Appliances. For questions or details contact Eileen Anderson, Susan Geitz, Colene Jahn, Bev Bremmer, Malinda Collins, Melinda Schwartz, or Lynn buss.

♦Those Serving Next Week September 19, 2021♦

Elders: Tony Heisterkamp

Ushers: Gene Petersen and Allyn Anderson

Reader: Lynn Buss

Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp

Trustee: Darrell Kleihauer

Acolyte: Ivie Love and Tre Love

Sanctify us in Your truth.
Your Word is truth.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Jonah 1:1-6

¹ Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. ⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

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

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the

whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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

Gospel Lesson Matthew 12:38-41

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” ³⁹ But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsory p. 263

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

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.

DON'T HAVE CASH TODAY? You can give using the Tithely app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithely app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. It's free to download.

MAIN STREET LIVING Next Weeks This is the Life 10:00am – “Look to the Mountain” – A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

Worship Service 10:30am – Rev. Henry Witte of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE, delivers the message “Humbled and Exalted” based on James 3:10. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

SPONSORS NEEDED Once again we are in need of Confirmation student sponsors. Sponsors are paired up with a Confirmation student (5th grade up) for the year to pray with them, get to know them, support them, and provide meals for them before Confirmation. Cost for the 2020-2021 year is \$75. Please contact either Susan Geitz or Colene Jahn.

DIGITAL SIGN After receiving gifts totaling \$2,975, this leaves a rounded off balance of \$3,025.

DAVE ANDERSON CONCERT Come and join us for a night of Christian Music here at Grace. September 22, 2021 at 7:00pm Grace will be hosting Dave Anderson & Roger Walck. A free-will offering will be collected to help Shepard's Canyon Retreat Center. Make plans to join us for this family friendly concert.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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✦News & Notes for September 12, 2021✦

Sun, Sept 12: **✦This Week at Grace Lutheran✦**
Worship at 9:00am
Rally Sundae
Potluck and Ice Cream Social 10:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm

Mon, Sept 13: Bible Study at 9:30 am
Elders Meeting 7:00pm

Wed Sept 15: Confirmation 6:00pm
Grace Kids 6:00pm

Thurs Sept 16: Graces' Crafty Christians 6:30pm

Sat, Sept 18: Sudanese Sunday School at 4:00pm

Sun, Sept 19: **Worship at 9:00am w/HC**
Sunday School 10:15am
Adult Bible Study 10:15am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm
NYG Meeting 6:30pm

✦Those Serving Us This Week✦

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Acolyte: Jacob Beller and Isaac Beller

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Sermon Hymn #867 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.

2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.

3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

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Sermon " Outrageous Grace! We're Just Like Jonah!" Jonah 1

3rd Grade Bibles

Installation of Teachers and Helpers

Responsive Prayer p. 265

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

(Special Prayers)

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day p. 265

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern Her by Your goodness, and bless Her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

Collect of the Word p. 265

Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer p. 266

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.