



## Grace Lutheran Church

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**FIVETEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**      September 5, 2021

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**Welcome:** We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

**Prayer Requests** are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

**Lectionary Summary:** The Lord proclaims the Gospel *“to those who have an anxious heart”* to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes not only with threats of *“vengeance”* and *“recompense,”* but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens *“the eyes of the blind”* and *“the ears of the deaf,”* and He loosens *“the tongue of the mute”* to *“sing for joy”* (Is. 35:5–6). Like water on thirsty ground, He speaks His life-giving Word to people of all nations. With His Word and the touch of His hand, He does *“all things well,”* so that you may now speak *“plainly”* (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also *“love your neighbor as yourself”* (James 2:8). Show your faith *“in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,”* by loving without partiality. For God has *“chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom”* (James 2:1–5).

**Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting Three LSB 184**

**Preservice Music**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**♪ Opening Hymn: “Praise the Almighty”**

*LSB 797*

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He will remain.  
He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Stand*

- Δ5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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- Ⓟ** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Ⓢ** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

**Introit**

*Ps. 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8*

**P** The LORD is the strength of his people;

**C** **he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

**P** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

**C** **lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

**P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

**C** **when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

**P** Blessèd be the LORD!

**C** **For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

**P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**C** my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**♫C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**♫**Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**♫P** Glory be to God on High,

**♫C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**♫P** The Lord be with you.

**♫C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**♫C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

<sup>4</sup>Say 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.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then 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; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and 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,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.... <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

♪ Alleluia and Verse

☩ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 7:31–37*

☩ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

♪☩ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

☩ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪☩ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**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.**

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

♪ Sermon Hymn: “O Son of God, in Galilee”

*LSB 841 (to tune St. Flavian 857)*

**1 O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,  
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessed Lord, be near.**

- 2 O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones.  
O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;  
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear, Can instant help afford.
- 4 Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear Of steadfast faith impart,  
And let Your Word bring light and cheer To ev’ry troubled heart.
- 5 Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove a gain;  
All myst’ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain.

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Sermon “Ephphatha”

Pastor Buchhorn

♪ Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- C** 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.

Collect for Peace

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,  
give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts  
may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the  
fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Salutation and Benedicamus

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And with thy spirit.**

♪**P** Bless we the Lord.

♪**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

*LSB 202*

♪**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

♪**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### ♪Closing Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign”

*LSB 832*

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 **To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3 **People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.**
- 4 **Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5 **Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.**

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## NEWS AND NOTES

**WE REJOICE** with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Courtney Roeber, Mark Heithold, Cole Zach, Karen Schardt, Korrina Niemann, Darlene Johnson, Emilia Bose, Sarah Hansen, Emily Ramold, Brooks Blohm, Galen Wisner, Maggie Schmoll, Marty Schmoll, Eric Hefti, Rose McKeown & Sandy Nichols

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ryan & Theresa Lubberstedt, Josh & Jill Lubke, Mike & Marta Victor, Jim & Janice Mitchell, Kurt & Colleen Janke and Ferris & Marjorie Meyer.

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were: \$4,082.

**ONLINE WORSHIP:** Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website [www.gracewayne.com](http://www.gracewayne.com) or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

**NURSERY:** A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

**PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN:** Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Who is my Neighbor?" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood if we don't know who our neighbors are and we go out of our way to avoid them. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Adult Bible Class: This week we continue our overview of the book of First Corinthians with chapter 14 and instructions regarding "Meaningful Worship." Pastor Buchhorn leads this class which meets following opening in the church basement. Please join us.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** We have begun a new series on the book of First Samuel. This fascinating book of the Old Testament covers the time of transition from the last of the judges to the first of the kings of Israel. The book shows how God can make use of lowly and ordinary people to do remarkable things for him. The class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs. New faces are always welcome.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In today's lesson, "The Temple Testimonies," God fulfills His promise as Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Forty days later, in keeping with the law, the family travels to Jerusalem's temple for Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation. There, they encounter Simeon, a devout Jew whose song of praise lives on in the Church today. Likewise, Anna, the aging prophetess, rejoices at the coming of the Savior. For those who cannot attend in person, visit <http://bit.ly/onlinesundayschool> to access an online video overview for Lesson 3 and additional family materials. If you have not done so already, contact your child's teacher to get a copy of the new Unit 7 student workbook to use at home.

**HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** Our next High School Wednesday Evening Bible Study is scheduled for October 6th from 7:45 to 8:45pm at Cup of Grace! We will continue meeting the first Wednesday of Every Month and our discussion will focus on a lesson from the book called 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (And Answer) About Christianity! All you need to do is come to Cup of Grace, invite your friends, and be ready to learn and everything else will be provided in the class. See you all soon!

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY FALL CLASS:** You can retire with dignity. But it won't happen until you take control of your money. Join my virtual Financial Peace University class. Together, we can learn how to make a plan for the future. Visit [fpu.com/1139123](http://fpu.com/1139123) to sign up for my class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace. Class starts Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

**THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY:** Come join Pastor Erik in a new Sunday School class, from 9:15am to 10:15am, as you learn what it means to be one of God's chosen people! We will watch the complete Season 1 of The Chosen, a groundbreaking television show about the life of Jesus, and after each episode we will dive deep into God's word with Bible Studies all centering around one question. "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?"

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING REGISTRATION:** The Registration Forms for Youth and our Adult Chaperones have been mailed out. Please watch your mail over the next few weeks for a letter from our church office containing these important forms. Astor Erik needs these forms to be returned by September 30th for you to ensure your spot on this trip. He also needs every youth attending to pay a \$250 deposit by that date as well to ensure that you are committed in attending this amazing week! We are going to have so much fun and grow in so many ways during our time in Houston from July 8th through the 15th, 2022! Be sure to invite your friends!!!

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER:** The next NYG Fundraiser is quickly coming up on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm in the Willow Bowl, and you won't want to miss it! Our Youth are hosting a FREE concert to the public from an up-and-coming Gospel and Country Music Artist named Jake Gill! Jake grew up in a Christian church, participated in a lot of music contests including a song-writing contest that he won and NBC's The Voice, and has gotten a chance to play with some of the biggest names Country Music has to offer like Jason Aldean! The youth will be selling candy, and soft drinks as concessions during the concert which will be used mainly to help us reach the Gathering in Houston, TX next July! We hope you can grab your cowboy hat dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a night to remember!

**CALLING ALL SINGERS AND RINGERS:** Handbell and Vocal choirs will resume practice in September. New participants and needed and most welcome. Handbells will rehearse Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Valerie Knight will be directing handbells this year; you can contact her if you have any questions. The vocal choir will practice on Monday's at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals begin on September 13. Sarah Wibben, a student from Wayne State will be our director. Bonnie Hansen will be our accompanist and can answer any questions you might have. All rehearsals take place in the sanctuary. Develop and make use of your musical gifts this fall by being a part of our handbell or vocal choir.

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**PASTORS:** Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Troy Stowater (8:00) Lonnie Matthes (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Cole Zach & Maddux Heithold (8:00)

Lanee Rethwisch & Dylan Jensen (10:30)

**LAY READER:** Doug Temme (8:00) Brian Kesting (10:30)

**GREETERS:** (8:00) Chad & Pam Janke (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Fritz & Joann Temme in honor of 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 pm.	Financial Peace
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
<b>SATURDAY</b>	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner