



## Grace Lutheran Church

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**SEVENTEETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** September 19, 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 sinful heart is filled with “*bitter jealousy and selfish ambition*” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “*opposes the proud*” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “*gives grace to the humble,*” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “*wisdom from above*” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “*like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,*” committing Himself to God, His Father, “*who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind*” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “*after three days,*” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

**Order of Worship**  
**Matins LSB 219**

**Preservice Music**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**♫ Opening Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

*LSB 725*

- 1 Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.**
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

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*Stand*

- ♫P** O Lord, open my lips.  
**♫C** **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
**♫P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**♫C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
**♫C** **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.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**
- ♫P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**♫C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

**C** O come, let us sing |to the Lord,  
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.  
 Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,  
 let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a |great God  
 and a great |king above all gods.  
 The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;  
 the strength of the hills is |His also.

The sea is His, for He |made it,  
 and His hand |formed the dry land.  
 O come, let us worship and |bow down,  
 let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.

For He |is our God,  
 and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and |to the Son  
 and to the |Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the be|ginning,  
 is now, and will be for|ever. Amen.

♪ **P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

♪ **C** O come, let us worship Him.

*Sit*

### Readings From Holy Scripture

#### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 11:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 3:13—4:10*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. <sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:30–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant

of all.”<sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Common Responsory

*LSB 221*

♪**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

♪**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

♪**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

♪**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

♪**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*Sit*

### Children’s Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

*LSB 851*

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the \_unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed ’Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?

**4 Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.**

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**Sermon “Who You Gonna Call?”**

**Pastor Erik**

*Stand*

**♪Te Deum Hymn: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”**

*LSB 941*

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.**
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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## ♫ Kyrie

LSB 227

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Collect of the Day

**P** O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫ **C** Amen.

### Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

#### Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 228

♫ **P** Let us bless the Lord.

♫ **C** Thanks be to God.

♪**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

♪**C** Amen.

*Sit*

♪**Closing Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

*LSB 924*

**1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.**

**3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.**

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## **NEWS AND NOTES**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Darin Jensen, Arika Hefti, Ashlyn Trautman, Tamara Schardt, Jared Heithold, Lynal Krueger, Pastor Erik Christensen, Colston Starzl, Krista Young, Keith Doescher, Dylan Jensen & Alex Echtenkamp

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jason & Angie Beiermann, Matt & Elizabeth Sharer, Dan & Teresa Tiedtke and Joey & Lisa Niemann



**LAST WEEK** our offerings were: \$21,255.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "The Pointing Prophet" is the title of this week's lesson. John the Baptist lives in the wilderness, dressed in camel's hair and eating locusts and honey. John's message of repentance and preparation draws people to the banks of the Jordan, where they receive Baptism. As the prophet sent to point out the Messiah, John declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) as Jesus approaches. When John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, the Spirit descends on Him as the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is My beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). For those who cannot attend in person, visit <http://bit.ly/onlinesundayschool> to access an online video overview for Unit 7, Lesson 5 and additional family materials.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge -- We can start to make the world a better place by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods into which God has placed us. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Following a wrap up of First Corinthians, we turn our attention to a new topic on Gender Identity in Christian Perspective. Join us at 9:15 in the basement for this study of God's unchanging Word as it relates to a fast changing world.

**ADULT CHOIR:** We are off to a great start but new voices in all sections would be welcome. Join us Monday at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** As we continue our study of First Samuel, we reach chapter 7 and Israel's demand for a King. In the desire to be like other nations, Israel ignored God's words of warning concerning a king. We are like them and still sometimes insist on things that may not be good for us. Join us as we see how God worked it out.

**SENIOR DINNER:** Today, September 19, following the 10:30 a.m. service in the church basement the Mission Council would like to invite the members of our congregation age 65 and over to this year's Senior Dinner. This special event is a time to thank and honor our older members their years of service to our Savior and congregation. It is a time to let them know they are appreciated. This is an opportunity to stop and enjoy a meal, enjoy some entertainment provided by Pair-a-docs, and be refreshed. We also hope to acknowledge some significant life milestones. Come and be part of the fun.

**COLLEGE BIBLE STUDIES 4PM THURSDAYS:** Interested in joining other college students and young adults in studying God's word? Want to review and freshen up on your theological understanding of God's master plan for our salvation? Then come join us Thursday at 4pm on the southside of the College Library weather permitting. If it is raining, we will see you inside the college library. Be sure to bring your Bible and invite your friends!

**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!!!

**DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING:** Will take place in LaVista, NE in November and is open for registration for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth. To reserve your spot please return a permission form and a \$105 check to the church office by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Hotel Fee and a couple of meals not included. More info to come soon. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/Nebraska.LCMS.MSYG/>

**LUTHERAN LAYMEN’S LEAGUE** Zone 11 – Fall Rally, October 3, 2021, at St. John’s, Wakefield, NE. Opening hymn sing will begin at 3:00 pm. Paul Leckband with Orphan Grain Train will speak at 3:30 pm. Following the business meeting supper will be served at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Pastor Willie Bertrand @ 402-584-2408 by September 30<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

**GRACE LADIES AID AND LWML** have increased the price of all greeting cards. A box of cards will now be \$6, and an individual card will be \$1. We thank you for your support in this project.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE GRANT #1 -- Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch -- Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — \$81,680**  
The mission of **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch** is to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ. The Ranch provides unparalleled care, expertise, and presence in the name of Christ to keep today’s troubled kids from becoming tomorrow’s troubled adults. Recognizing the need to minister directly with the victimized boys and girls, the Ranch called an LCMS deaconess, Kelly Bristow. This role reflects the exact reason why a vibrant deaconess ministry was envisioned for our church body. Deaconess Kelly’s work quickly began to bridge many of the gaps that often hinder a child’s healing. Nearly all of the female residents and many of the male residents have been traumatized at the hands of a male figure. This simple reality creates immediate trust issues that can be difficult for a child to bridge, especially when dealing with a male chaplain. The Word of God helps to heal the walls of broken trust. Those at the Ranch are “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus!” For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-1](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-1).

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Scott Hansen (8:00) Doug Heithold (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Blake Kneifl & Drew Reinhardt (8:00)

Reese Rethwisch & Brodrick Tiedtke (10:30)

**LAY READER:** Jeff Simpson (8:00) Jennifer Kesting (10:30)

**GREETERS:** Louise Green (8:00) Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (10:30)

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

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Keith & Karen Knudsen

## **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
	11:30 am.	Senior Dinner
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 pm.	Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
<b>THURSDAY</b>	4:00 pm.	College Bible Study
<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
	6:00 pm.	Budget Meeting
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner