

Grace Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME! We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion. We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

THOSE who serve us:

Elder......Jeff Jaggers
Altar.....Nikki Waugh
Flowers
Courtesy....
Greeters....
Ushers
Church CleanerLisa Johnson
Church SecretaryLeah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool TeacherDeb Evans

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Kamerzell, Odessa Elwood, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Ray Zlomke, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Onda Hupp, the family of Eva Hix, Sherry Rhoadarmer

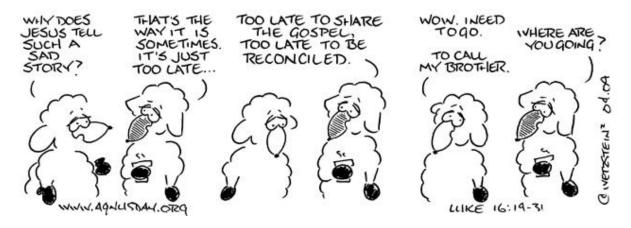
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

At the same time, we recognize that the threat of disease is not over and we are still being asked to take precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) individuals and family groups need to be seated six feet apart; 2) we will refrain from shaking hands; 3) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 4) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 5) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 6) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 7) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

Some of what is on this list is good, common-sense stuff, but much of it causes me sadness to even write it out. We are the body of Christ, and physical presence and closeness is a part of that. We pray God to deliver us from evil and continue His work to carry us through this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

We will continue to watch the health reports, and make adjustments so that we may continue to worship, and still continue to help and support our neighbors in their bodies and lives.



They've got Moses and the Prophets...and Ted





The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. [Matthew 28:19]
- 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.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

 Psalm 124:8
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

 Psalm 32:5

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.



[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;* my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

I will sing | to the LORD,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever?*
How long will you hide your | face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;* light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"* lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

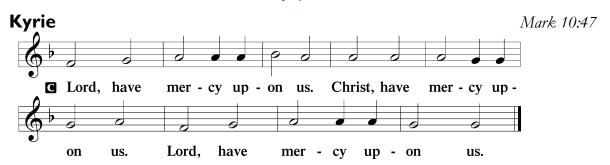
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

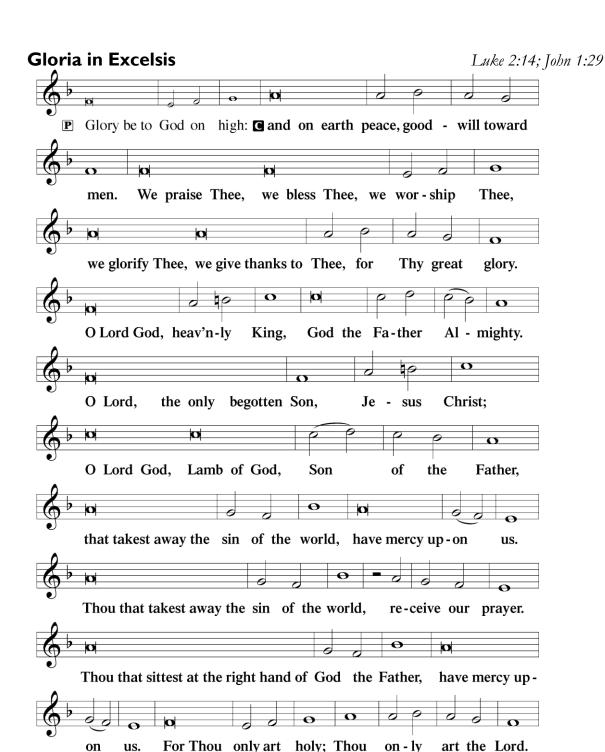
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

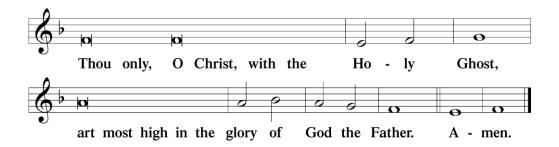
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading God's Covenant with Abram

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said,

"Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 41:4, 1

I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;* heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"

Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!*

In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

Epistle 1 John 4:16–21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor

Luke 16:19-31

man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." $[\mathbf{P}]$ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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,

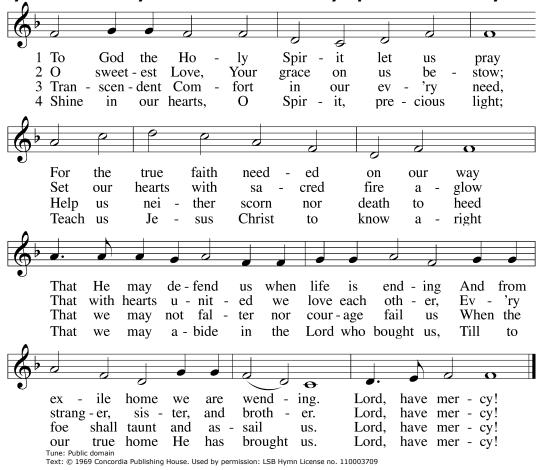
the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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.

Hymn of the Day: 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



Sermon

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Philippians 4:7





[Offering at the back of church] [1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18]

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace, that Your holy name would be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

May Your Kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

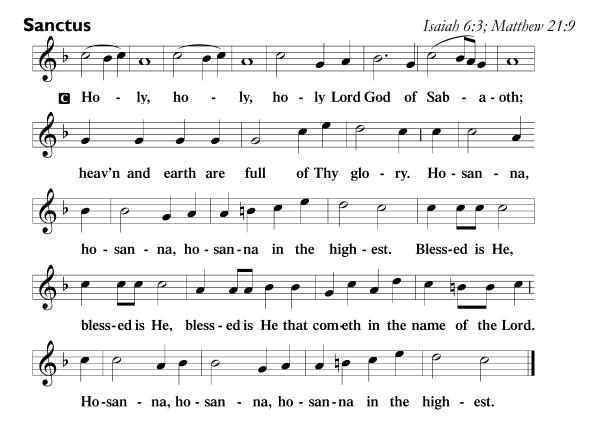
[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

[Psalm 136]
[Meet means 'fitting, proper.']

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

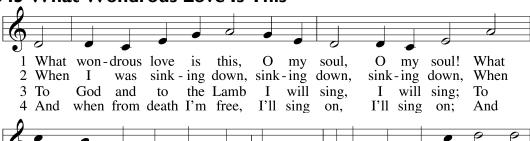
Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

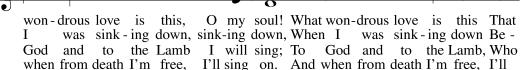
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

543 What Wondrous Love Is This





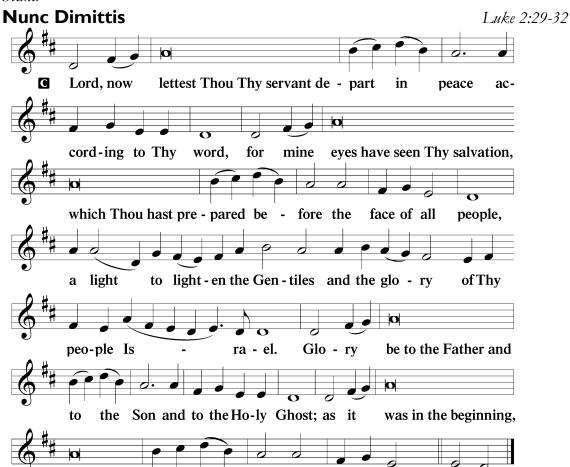


bliss To bear the dread-ful curse caused the Lord of for my neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my the great While mil-lions join the theme, will Ι AM, through e - ter - ni - ty sing His love for me, And I'll sing





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Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1

be, world without end.

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

is now, and ev-er shall

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **CAmen.**

A-men.

P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22
[Psalm 103:1]

A Bless we the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

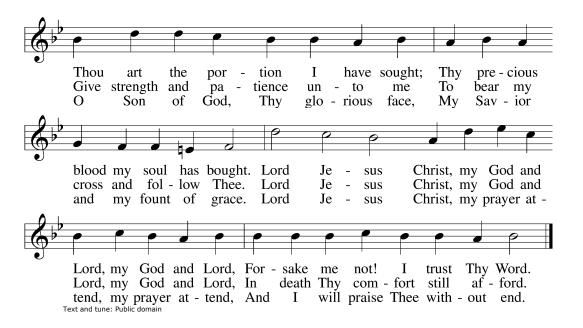
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and H give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

Benedicamus

Hymn to Depart: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart





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Next Saturday, June 20th, is the Wyoming District LWML Convention! Because we live in the year of our Lord 2020, the convention will take place virtually on Zoom. Registration and information can be found at www.wyolcms.org. You will need to register in order to receive the link to watch. If you are interested and need help to watch, please contact Barb, Pastor, or Leah.



To make your offering online, you can scan this code with your smartphone, or go to bit.ly/ThriventOffering.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund also has an app available for online giving, called *GivePlus*. You can find it in the App Store or the Google Play store.

STEWARDSHIP:

Luke 16:19 – "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." There is another rich man in this story – Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man's life and choices flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. So Abraham was kind and generous, reflecting his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man? Well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485 As of May 27th, we have received \$56,379.49 in offerings.

Thanks to a generous donation, the remaining balance on our district missions pledge from 2019 has been paid! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

There is a walker, a wheelchair, and various artificial flowers available in the fellowship hall for anyone who might need them. They were donated by Ruth Oldenberg's family.