

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......Marlys Roth
Flowers

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 and Barb Zlomke, Steve Zlomke, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Onda Hupp, 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) masks, while not required, may be used; 3) we will refrain from shaking hands; 4) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 5) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 6) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 7) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 8) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

This is something we are dealing with in our community and our congregation. We need to watch out for each other, help one another to care for our bodies and lives, encourage one another with the hope we have in Jesus' victory over death, and pray for ourselves and others that God would continue to lead and guide us.

STEWARDSHIP:

Luke 15:10 – "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Jesus eats with sinners not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485

As of June 26th, we have received \$63,573.45 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.



Hymn of Invocation: 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow





And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev - Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay. 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate-ful song. your pride, Your sin de-plore, And bow be-fore The Cru-ci-fied. less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal-va-tion's song!

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Please stand, as you are able

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.

C 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.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

 C Amen.

 [John 20:19-23]

Introit *Psalm 27:3—4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1—2*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;* though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:* that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

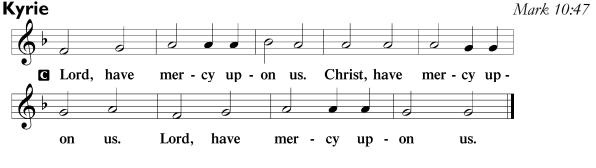
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Let us pray. O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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 Good Purposes

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 79:9–10a

Atone for our sins, for your | name's sake!*
Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"
Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
for the glory of your name de- | liver us.

Epistle

Romans 8:18-23

Future Glory

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was

subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

A This is the Word of the Lord. CThanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 6:36–42

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

³⁹He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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,

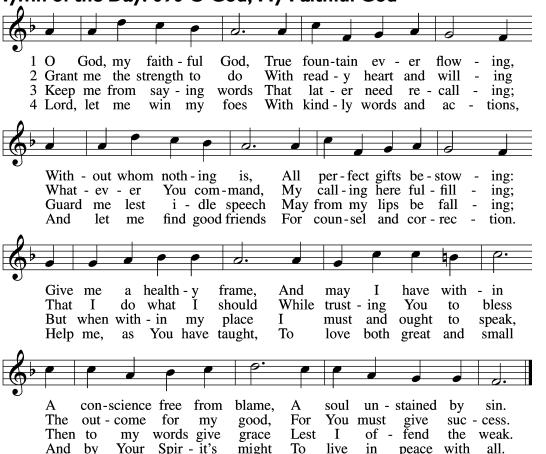
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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.





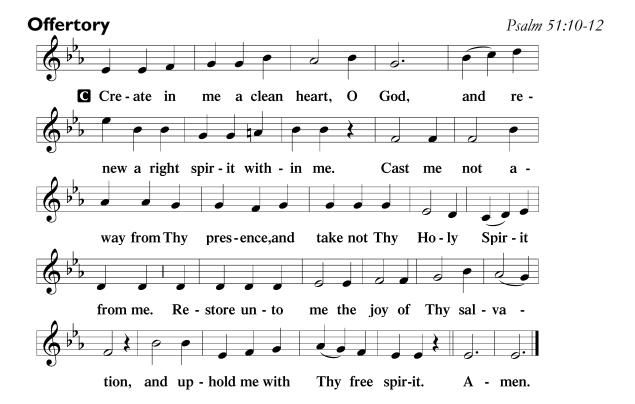
5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

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6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your
name.

Sermon

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

For an increase of mercy among all the baptized, that they would bless and not curse, forgive as they have been forgiven, give as they have been given to, and speak the truth in love, not with anger and pride, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P	For all pastors in Christ, that they would remain bold to preach the Gospel in its purity and administer the Sacraments according to Christ's institution, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
P	For favorable weather and a bountiful harvest, that our crops would receive God's nurture and blessing, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.
P	For industries and the service sectors of this land, that their labors may be just and the work they do may be profitable for all people, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
P	For a culture of life in our land and throughout the world, that all life from the womb to the grave would be cherished, and that all who view life as expendable would have their hearts and minds changed, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
P	For those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would govern with a mind focused on peace and the general welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
P	For an end to the pandemic and for mercy on all who suffer physical, spiritual and economic hardship because of it, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.
P	For the freedoms we enjoy in our country, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would never take these freedoms for granted and always strive to defend and protect them, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
P	For the sick, for those preparing to undergo surgery, for the elderly and shut-in, and for all who desire our prayers, [especially,] that, according to God's good and gracious will, they may receive healing, comfort and assurance of His care for them, let us pray to the

Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

C

- For those who receive the Holy Eucharist this day, that they would eat and drink the very body and blood of Christ with faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

[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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Sit

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.**

We ask all who desire to receive communion to please read the communion statement at the front of the bulletin. For those approaching the Lord's Table this day, we ask you to come individually or by family group.

Following Communion, 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.





Let me praise God's boundless 5 favor,

> Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,

With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, 6 Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul.

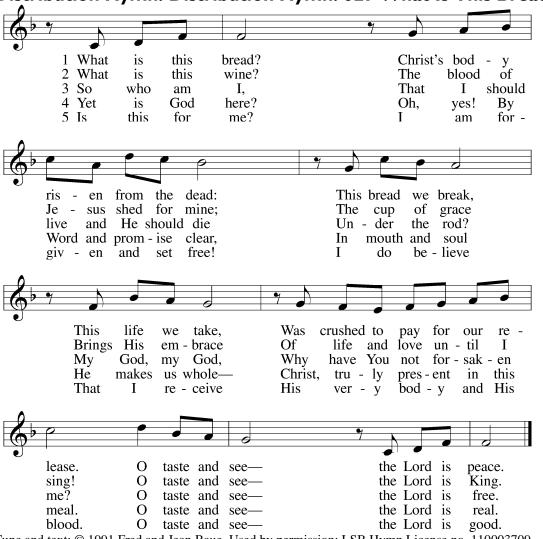
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,

Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit

whole.

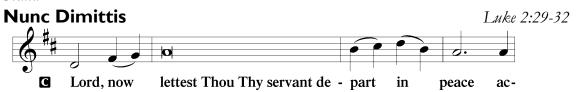
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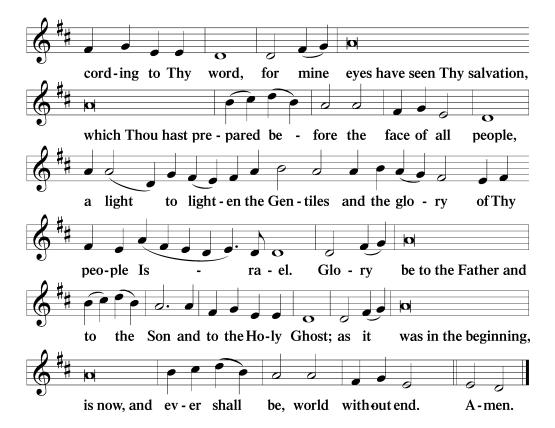




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Stand





Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.
- 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.**
- P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit. 2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus [Psalm 103:1]

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

BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26

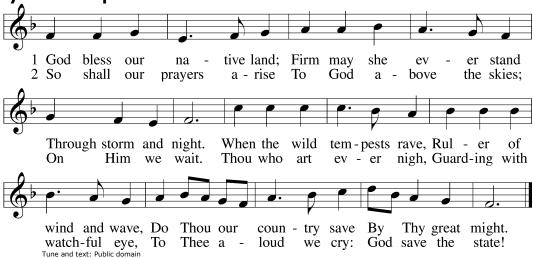
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

Hymn to Depart: 965 God Bless Our Native Land



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