

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	
Altar	Piano/OrganSherry Rhoadarmer
Flowers	Courtesy
Greeters	
Ushers	
Church Cleaner	Lisa Johnson
Church Secretary	Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool Teach	erDeb Evans

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Kamerzell, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Sherry Rhoadarmer, Eunice Masters

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.

The children of Janice Flueckinger invite you to join them in celebrating Janice's 80th birthday on August 5th by having a card shower. They are certain Mom would appreciate your birthday wishes! Cards may be sent to:

Countryside Care: Attn. Janice Flueckinger, 500 E. 10th St., Gordon, NE 69343 Thank you and God's blessings! Jody, Linda, Mary, and Gary

STEWARDSHIP:

Jer. 23:17 – "They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' "Jeremiah's day sounds a lot like our own: with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes difficult favor of telling us what is actually true. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins, and calls us to repentance and a change in life.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485 As of July 18th, we have received \$72,123.56 in offerings.



Hymn of Invocation: 644 The Church's One Foundation



- Church's one foun da tion Is 1 The Je - sus Christ, her Lord; lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet all
- one o'er the earth; 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu - mult of her war
- on earth has u nion With God, the Three in she One.



She His new cre - a - tion Her char-ter of sal - va - tion: schisms rent a - sun - der, She waits the con-sum-ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion

and the Word. By wa - ter One Lord, one faith, one birth. her - e - sies dis-tressed, By Of peace for - ev - er - more With those whose rest is



His ho - ly From heav'n He came and sought her To be bride; ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly One food. saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" Yet vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are Till with the bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face face. Text and tune: Public domain

Please stand, as you are able

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

 \blacksquare 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,
- 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 H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 C Amen.

 [John 20:19-23]

Introit Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10



We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,* in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.* Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

This is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

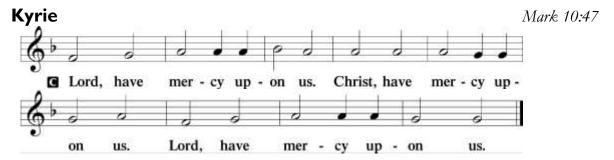
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

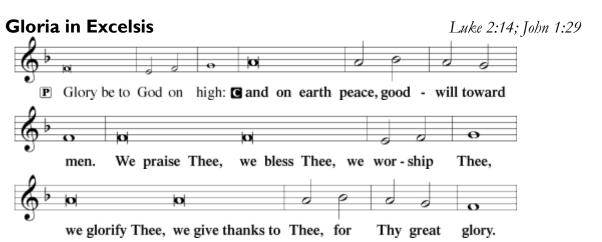
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you."

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

21"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran;
I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
22But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

23"Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? 24Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. 25I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, 27who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? 28Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. 29Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

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

G Gradual Psalm 31:2b, 1a

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.

Epistle Romans 8:12–17

Heirs with Christ

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to

fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 7:15–23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

A Tree and Its Fruit

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

I Never Knew You

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."'

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: 745 In God, My Faithful God



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me. I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me. It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er. You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.

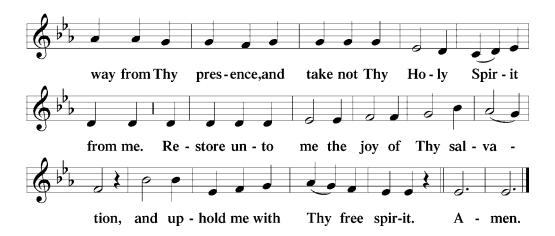


Mv trou-bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth-ing fal - ter. will sur - ren - der, To To Him, my soul's de-fend - er. He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row. heirs of heav'n-ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness. Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der. Tune and text: Public domain

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 all baptized believers, that they would think on the steadfast love of God and praise Him for the salvation they have through Jesus Christ, which they receive via His Holy Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For faithfulness to God's Holy Word among the pastors called to preach and teach it, that false doctrine would be recognized and rebuked, and pure doctrine would be taught and received for the edification of all who hear, let us pray to the Lord:

 Lord, have mercy.
- For an increase in faithful church workers, that the Good News of Christ's perfect life, sacrificial death, victorious resurrection and glorious ascension would be proclaimed in all parts of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.

- For the Holy Spirit to turn the hearts of all false prophets and pretend believers, that they would be led to repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

 Lord, have mercy.
- For all life from the womb to the grave, that it would be cherished and protected, let us pray to the Lord:
 C Lord, have mercy.
- For the fruits of the earth and the beasts of the field, that the Lord would tend them with sun and water as they have need, that our harvests may be full according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For humility among the faithful, that they would interact with the world as sinners who have been redeemed by Christ the crucified, not out of pride or arrogance, let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would steer clear of self-promotion and focus on the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.
- For the sick and suffering, and for all who desire our prayers, [especially _______,] that they would receive healing, comfort and be strengthened to endure, according to God's gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who receive the Holy Supper of Christ's true body and blood this day, that they would receive the forgiveness of all their sins and be filled with His life and peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in Jesus, let us give thanks to the Lord; that we would, by God's grace, remain steadfast in the faith until we are brought to join them in the feast that never ends, 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]

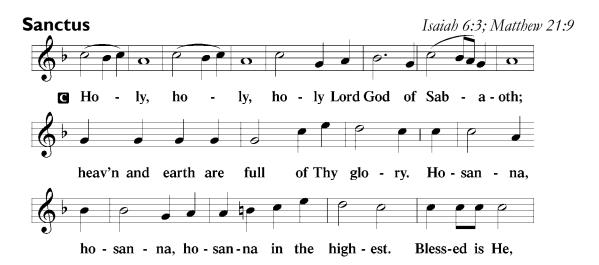
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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.**

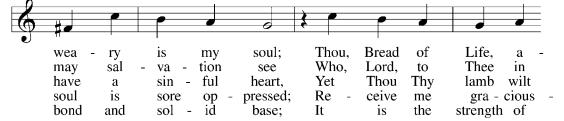
We ask all who desire to receive communion to please read the communion statement at the front of the bulletin. For those approaching the Lord's Table this day, we ask you to come individually or by family group.

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.











Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood

Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** 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 + give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



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