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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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, Ben Schaer

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.

A Bible Study on the Book of Revelation has begun. Many things about this year have put the book of Revelation on people's minds. Maybe you've seen a YouTube video or a Facebook meme that talks about it. So what is the book all about? Who are the four horsemen, what is the mark of the beast, what is an anti-Christ? We'll explore these questions, focusing on the glorious victory of Jesus and the comforting promises He makes that are spread throughout Revelation. We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Our September mission project: St Andrew's Lutheran in Laramie, the campus chapel at the University of Wyoming.



Opening Hymn: 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way 1 I dan - ger The thought shall nev - er walk in all the way. pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -No - where 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, Ι rest se -4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -That Sa - tan, who has marked his prev. leave me tend - ing; In pa - tience Ι must bear each day The cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He me; All friend Sa - tan's pow'r bay When is held me. This foe plot - ting de - ceive with hid - den snares to own send - ing. When in most sure - ly. A fail ad - ver - si - ty cross of God's takes his fail - ing breath, and prey me; They are heav'n - ly hosts at - tend my sure de - fense, May seize If should me un - a wares I fail to know When storms not where to flee. of woe my death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter ni -All fear and hence! Un - harmed by sor - row. foes. watch and pray. Ι walk in dan - ger all the way. dis - may, Ι pass through als all soul tri the way. day As pur all the ty to death sues me way. what they may, I walk with an gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's pow'r assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;

My walk is heav'nward all the

I walk with jesus all the way

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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.

Amen. [Matthew 28:19]

way.

- 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,

c and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

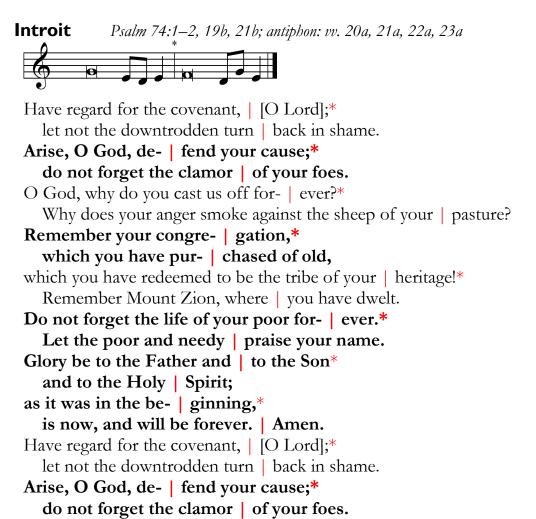
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

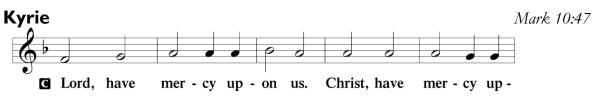
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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.

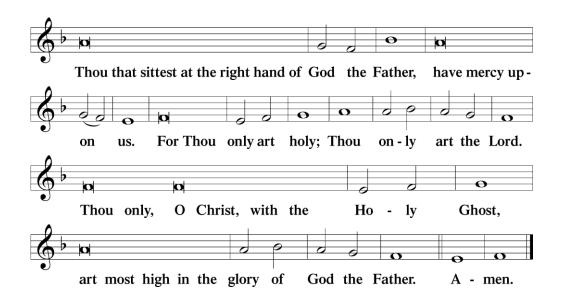
[John 20:19-23]











Salutation and Collect of the Day



2 Timothy 4:22

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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

2 Chronicles 28:8–15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he

went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you."

12Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war 13and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." 14So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

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

Gradual Psalm 77:14–15

You are the God who works | wonders;*
you have made known your might among the | peoples.

You with your arm redeemed your | people,* the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

Epistle Galatians 3:15–22

The Law and the Promise

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul

a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 10:23–37

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the

place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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.

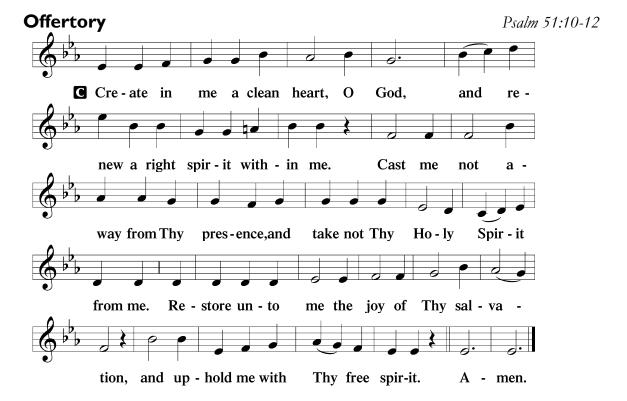
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



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 the Church throughout the world, and especially for this congregation, that we would not bypass those in need, but rather be filled with God's grace and love to care for all our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- For the Lord of the harvest to send forth workers into His vineyard, that through their service the world would know the compassion and care of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all pastors, especially Matthew, our Synod president; *Jonathan*, our district president; *Scott*, our circuit visitor; and our pastor, that they would be faithful in their preaching of the Gospel and in their administration of the oil and wine of the Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who are enemies of God and His people, that by the working of the Word and Spirit their hearts would be softened and they would be given the gifts of repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For a good harvest, protection from drought and famine, deliverance from illness and fear, and abundant provisions for all, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.
- For all governments and those in authority, that they would justly and wisely use their position and power to promote the general welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.
- For all the sick and the suffering, [including _______,] that God would provide care and rest for them and, according to His will, a restoration to earthly health, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that by faith they would receive the eternal benefits of Christ's true body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.

- For the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant, that all who have received the inheritance of eternal life in Christ would be united forever in a holy communion and dwell in the Promised Land of the new heavens and new earth to come on the Last Day, 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:





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:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

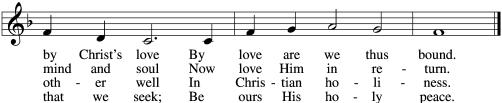
C Amen.

Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



Distribution Hymn: 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail





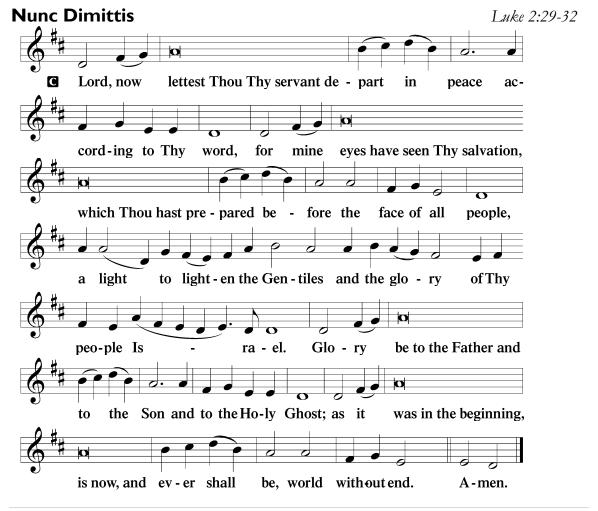
Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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Stand



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.**
- 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: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart





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Thought for the Day:



STEWARDSHIP:

Luke 10:25 – "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' " That's just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don't go together. What can you do to inherit the Rockefeller fortune? Nothing. Inheriting is about birthright; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birthright in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the Kingdom of God flows from this, from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485 As of August 18th, we have received \$77,618.50



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Jean Louis Forain, The Good Samaritan. 1909.