



# TRINITY 10

<sup>3</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.

JEREMIAH 7:3

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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/Organ...Sherry Rhoadarmer  
Flowers ..... Courtesy.....  
Greeters.....  
Ushers .....  
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Church Secretary.....Leah Sherman  
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**Hymn: 581 These Are the Holy Ten Commands** *sts. 1-2, 4, 11-12*



1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com-mands God gave to us by  
2 "I am a - lone your God, the Lord; No oth - er gods shall  
4 "You shall ob - serve the wor - ship day That peace may fill your  
11 You have this Law to see there - in That you have not been  
12 Our works can - not sal - va - tion gain; They mer - it on - ly



Mo - ses' hands When high on Si - nai's mount he stood,  
be a - dored. But you shall ful - ly trust in Me  
home, and pray, And put a - side the work you do,  
free from sin But al - so that you clear - ly see  
end - less pain. For - give us, Lord! To Christ we flee,



Re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!  
And love Me whole - heart - ed - ly." Have mer - cy, Lord!  
So that God may work in you." Have mer - cy, Lord!  
How pure toward God life should be. Have mer - cy, Lord!  
Who pleads for us end - less - ly. Have mer - cy, Lord!

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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]*

**P** 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. *Psalms 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 32:5*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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.

**P** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen. *[John 20:19-23]*

## Introit

*Psalm 55:1, 4–5, 16; antiphon: vv. 16a, 17b, 18a, 22a*



I call to God, and he | hears my voice;\*  
he redeems my soul in | safety.

**Cast your burden | on the LORD,\***  
**and he will sus- | tain you.**

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,\*  
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

**My heart is in anguish with- | in me;\***  
**the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.**

Fear and trembling come up- | on me,\*  
and horror over- | whelms me.

**But I | call to God,\***  
**and the LORD will | save me.**

**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.  
 I call to God, and he | hears my voice;\*  
 he redeems my soul in | safety.  
**Cast your burden | on the LORD,\***  
 and he will sus- | tain you.

## Kyrie

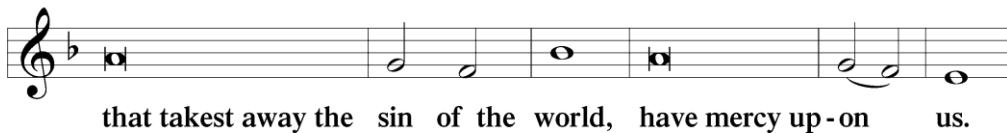
*Mark 10:47*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

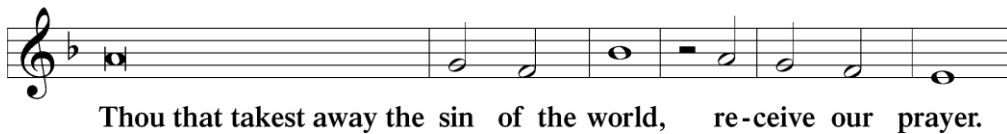
## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

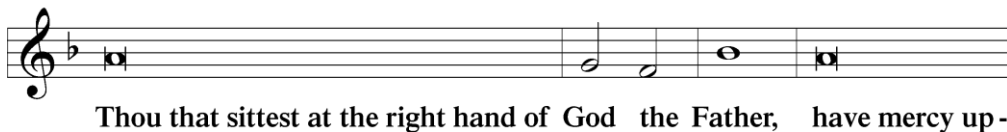
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



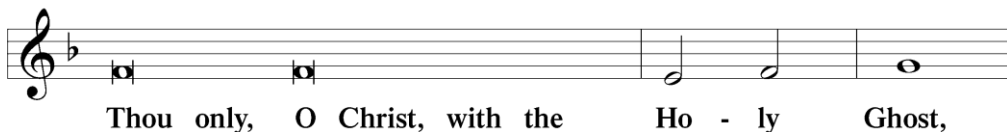
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 7:1–11*

### Evil in the Land

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

<sup>5</sup>“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup>then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

<sup>8</sup>“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.”

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

### Gradual *Psalm 17:8, 2*



Keep me as the apple | of your eye;\*  
hide me in the shadow | of your wings.  
From your presence let my vindi- | cation come!\*  
Let your eyes be- | hold the right!

## Epistle

Romans 9:30—10:4

### Israel's Unbelief

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup>as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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

*Stand*

### Verse of the Day

*Psalm 88:1*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**P** O Lord, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you.

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 19:41–48*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup>When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup>and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

<sup>45</sup>And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup>saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”



<sup>47</sup>And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup>but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to  
come. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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## Sermon

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

*Philippians 4:7*

## Offertory

*Psalms 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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

**Prayer of the Church**

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** In thanksgiving for Christ, in whom we know the things that make for peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For pure teaching in the Church and lives lived according to our Father's Word, that His name would be hallowed among us, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the relief agencies of the Synod as they bring the comfort of God's kingdom to those in suffering, that forgiveness would be proclaimed throughout the world and His mercy be made known to all, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the government and those given authority to break and hinder the plans of the wicked and reward and encourage whatever is righteous and

good, that through them God would bring about His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the fruit of the earth, that our merciful Father, without whose care and preservation all things wither and die, would open the windows of heaven and send bountiful rain on us to revive and renew the land, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For wisdom to be generous with our daily bread as God is generous to us, that we would be defended from all greed and remember that our security is not in wealth but in His abundant care, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For an increase of love and forgiveness among us, that Satan would not divide us, and that God would defend us from grudges, animosity and disdain that would blind us to His love, which embraces even His enemies, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For defense from temptation and every craft of the devil, that by His Spirit we would always cling to His Word and remain steadfast in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the afflicted in body and soul and for those who are in any lack, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that God would restore them and keep us all in the ark of His Church until His final day of visitation, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune this day, that they would give a glad “amen” to the gifts of God, who makes us partakers of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** We know that these petitions are pleasing to You, heavenly Father, and that You hear them for the sake of Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up unto the Lord. [*Colossians 3:1*]
- 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.'*]
- P** 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:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

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

- P** 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  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** 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  $\text{✝}$  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*

**C** 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.

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.**

## Distribution Hymn: 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



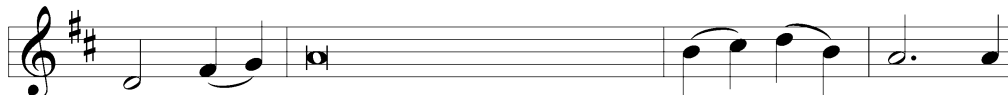
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

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

**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.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

# Hymn to Depart: 644 The Church's One Foundation *sts. 1-5*



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all 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  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O 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 to face.

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## STEWARDSHIP:



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**Luke 19:45 – “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold.”**

The House of God is a House of Prayer. It's not a place to sell but to give. It's not a place of profit but of sacrifice. God sets the pattern of giving and sacrifice in the self-giving work of Jesus on the cross. As He is, so we are called to be.

7/18: \$1,597 7/25: \$750

Budget for 2021: \$124,440; Weekly Need: \$2,393

As of July 28<sup>th</sup> we have received: \$78,433.96 (\$2,614.47 Average/Week)

**May Mission Project (Bible Sticks): \$361; Helping Pastor and Jennifer Wittrock: \$544;**

**June Mission Project (LWML): \$531.50; July Mission Project: \$231**

**Total Monthly Mission Giving YTD: \$3,777**

*Thanks be to God for your generosity, especially to Pastor and Jennifer Wittrock!*

*The health insurance account for pastor and his family has been fully funded, over and*

*above. The district mission pledge continues to be met monthly. What an outpouring of gifts*

*you have given, thanks be to God for the generous giving of His people!*

**AUGUST MISSIONS: Luther Classical College, Casper, WY**

The college years are typically the most formative years in a young adult's life. These are the years when they most often find their spouses, decide on a career, and make decisions that last a lifetime. There is desperate need for a college where conservative Lutheran young men and women can learn the truth of the Christian faith, be encouraged in genuine Lutheran culture, and meet pious, Lutheran husbands and wives.

We need classical Lutheran colleges. By God's grace, Luther Classical College in Casper, WY, will be the first of many. We need to promote genuine Christian culture in our homes, communities, and churches. We need the next generation of Lutherans to be prepared to fight the good fight of faith in a country hostile to their faith, to find their pride in being Christ's, to raise up another generation of Lutherans with Christian goals directed at congregational life, devotional piety at home, and promotion of virtue within their communities. The college years are critical for this. So Luther Classical College is asking for your support

The college will offer an A.A. and a B.A. in Classical Liberal Arts. Generally, all students will take the same courses. The course work and culture of the college will help prepare students for life as Christians in their church, community, and family. Opportunities to student teach at a classical Lutheran school will be offered to those interested in becoming teachers. Men wishing to continue on to seminary will have an excellent foundation in knowledge of the Bible, Lutheran theology, Church history, apologetics, Latin, Hebrew, and Greek, as well as the piety and humility needed for the pastoral office. For those who wish to pursue a trade upon completion of the A.A. (e.g. electrical, plumbing, architectural), the college will work with Casper Community College and local companies to learn the necessary skills and find gainful employment. The college is seeking accreditation with TRACS.

Because large loads of debt encourage students to put off marriage and family in favor of making money, Luther Classical College will remain affordable. Tuition will be set at \$8,500 a year, with scholarship opportunities to help with payment. The Board of Regents will work to decrease, not increase, the cost of tuition as the college grows. In order to secure the independence and guard the doctrinal integrity of the institution, the college will not take any federal funds (including federally subsidized student loans).

The money given to support Luther Classical College will be an investment in our children's future and the future of the Christian Church. Jesus tells us to make eternal friends for ourselves by means of unrighteous mammon (Luke 16:9). We on the Board of Regents are committed to doing just that. We ask you to join us according to your ability. God bless our endeavors for Jesus' sake!

[www.lutherclassical.org](http://www.lutherclassical.org)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be this week **August 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**. If you know any children who should be there, bring 'em! If you'd like to volunteer, let Pastor know.



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
AT GRACE LUTHERAN  
801 N. ELM

**August 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30-12:30**  
**LUNCH INCLUDED!**

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