

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly

1 Peter 4:8



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:

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Wynn Coon, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Karen Prussia, Helen Kling, Rev. Michael Wittrock, Nancy Russell, Marvin Roth, Pat Harris, Lori Armstrong, Leora Likens



Hymn of Invocation: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy



Please stand, as you are able.

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

- In the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

 [Matthew 28:19]
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

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

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- 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, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,* for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.

Glorify your name, | O Lord;* and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

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

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.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

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

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

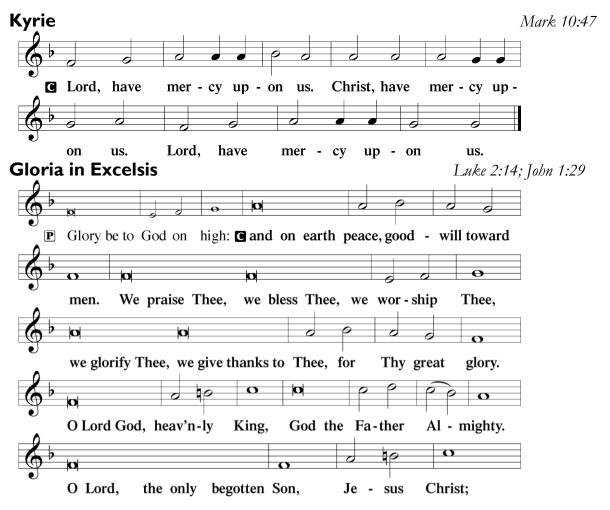
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,* for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.

Glorify your name, | O Lord;* and deal with us according to your great | mercy.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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2 Timothy 4:22

Old Testament Reading

1"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

7let the wicked forsake his way,

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and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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



The eyes of all | look to you,*
and you give them their food in due | season.
You open | your hand;*

You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Epistle Ephesians 5:15–21

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

Stand

Verse of the Day

Psalm 130:1-2a

- C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
- P Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
- C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention

and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C**

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

heaven

CI believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

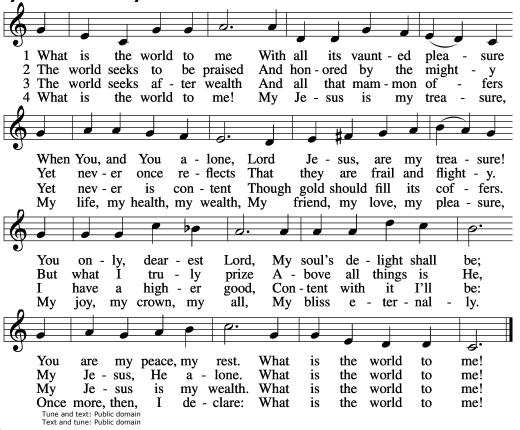
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the
Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our
salvation came down from

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.

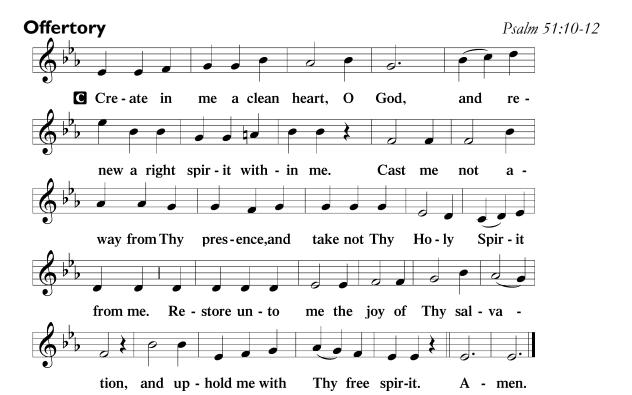
Hymn of the Day: 730 What Is the World to Me



Sermon

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

Philippians 4:7



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

The women of the congregation are invited to stand and recite the league pledge.

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

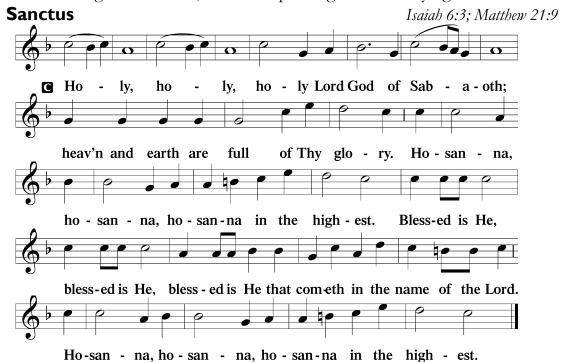
Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - Holy One of Israel, righteous in all Your works toward us, Your name be glorified. Deal with us not according to our sins, but according to Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- Your kingdom come, O Lord. Preserve the invitation of Your saving Gospel among us, that many may come into Your Son's eternal wedding feast. Protect and vindicate Your servants who preach and teach Your Word, and guard their families from those who oppose their ministry and way of life. Open our ears to listen diligently to Your living and lifegiving Word. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Your will be done, O Lord. Bless our homes, that generation after generation may walk not as unwise but as wise, and so redeem these evil days until Your Son's return. In this foolish world, fill us with Your Spirit, that we would give You thanks and submit to all authorities out of reverence for Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Give us bread that satisfies and all that is needful not for our sakes, but graciously on account of Christ. Provide, we pray, for every need of body and soul <u>[especially for ______]</u>. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Forgive us our trespasses, O Lord, in this Supper prepared through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and delivered according to His testament. Gathered together with Your guests, lead us to forgive those who trespass against us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
- P Spare us from all temptations, Lord, and deliver us from evil. In true repentance, lead us to forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and return to You for abundant pardon, seeking You while You may be

found, that when Christ returns in His glory, we may not be cast into the outer darkness but welcomed into His everlasting wedding hall by grace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **©** 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]
- 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:



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20;

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29

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

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:

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

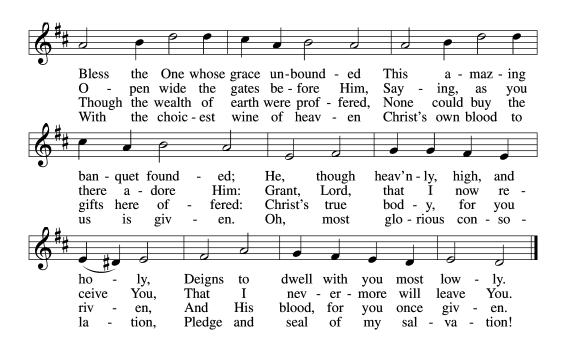
Distribution Hymn: 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
 Yet faith this truth embraces:
 Your body, Lord, is even now
 At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be;
 Your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your
 grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 - And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessèd comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.







- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave
 You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring,

Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from

heaven,

For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven

On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,

Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

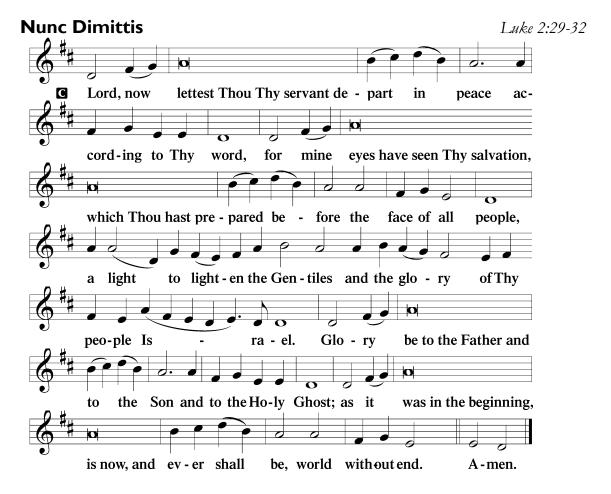
8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's

treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me

As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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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

 P Bless we the Lord. C Thanks be to God. | Psalm 103:17

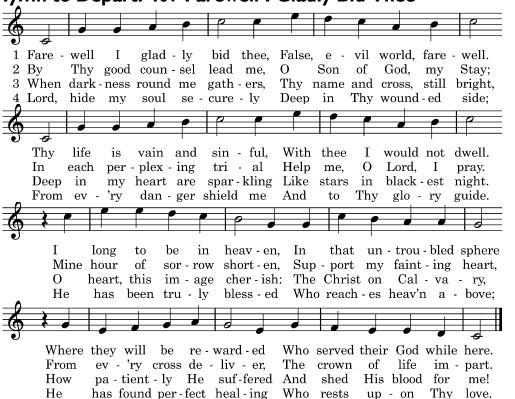
Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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





5 Lord, write my name, I pray Thee, Now in the Book of Life And with all true believers Take me where joys are rife. There let me bloom and flourish, Thy perfect freedom prove, And tell, as I adore Thee, How faithful was Thy love. Tune and tune and text: Public domain

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STEWARDSHIP:



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

Isaiah 55:2 – "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?" What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where "moth and rust destroy." Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

9/19: \$1098.50

9/26: \$1080.00

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

As of September 21st, we have received: \$\$93, 974.47 (\$2,409.60 Average/Week)

August Mission Project: Lutheran Classical College: \$360 September Mission Project: LCMS Disaster Response: \$165

Total Monthly Mission Giving YTD: \$4,334

Our October project will be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Don't forget the annual Bakeless Bake Sale!

Join us for our LWML Sunday Mission Potluck after church!

For information from the LCMS regarding the COVID vaccine and vaccine mandates go to: https://www.lcms.org/resources/covid19/vaccine-mandate