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## Welcome to Grace!

July 5 & 8, 2018

### What We Believe:

✠ As Lutheran Christians we stand with the church of the ages and confess the faith of the **Holy Bible**, which is **God's Word**.

✠ We believe that our **Triune God** created man and woman holy; however, since we sinned and still sin we cannot free ourselves from **sin and death**. Therefore God sent His Son **Jesus Christ**, who is our **only way to salvation**. By His death and resurrection and through no work or decision of our own, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

✠ We joyfully receive these gifts in His Word, and in the holy sacraments of **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.

✠ In all our teaching and preaching we seek to be faithful to God's holy **Law** which shows our sin, and to proclaim His precious **Gospel**, which is the good news of our **salvation in Christ!**

✠ We subscribe also to **Luther's Small Catechism** and the other documents in the Book of Concord of 1580 because they faithfully confess these biblical truths.

### Guests and Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord's Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.

**Nursery:** If your child becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Nursery downstairs.

**Friendship Pad:** Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the offering.

**Fellowship Time:** Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Large Print Hymns:** Are available from the ushers!

**Electronic Devices:** PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

**May the Lord bless your worship today!**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5 & 8, 2018 – Divine Service, Setting Three

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♫ Before You, Lord, We Bow	LSB 966
Invocation	LSB 184
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♫ Introit

*Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*



- P** Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*  
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
- C** For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\*  
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:
- P** “This is my resting place for- | ever;\*”  
here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.
- C** I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;\*”  
I will satisfy her | poor with bread.
- P** Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\*  
and her saints will | shout for joy.

♫ Gloria Patri LSB 186

♫ Kyrie LSB 186

♫ Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

♫ Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

- P** O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 2:1–5***Pew Bible, p. 693*

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

**Epistle – 2 Corinthians 12:1–10***Pew Bible, p. 970*

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Alleluia***LSB 190***Holy Gospel – Mark 6:1–13***Pew Bible, p. 841*

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid

his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

## **Nicene Creed**

*LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal*

## **Catechism Time – Confession**

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 326*

### *What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

## **♪ O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

**LSB 839**

## **Sermon**

*“Why Won’t People Believe?” (Mark 6:1–6)*

## **Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**Offering** – *Guests/members please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, check appropriate columns, and print clearly including children’s names.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

## **♪ Preface**

*LSB 194*

## **♪ Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

## **Lord’s Prayer**

*LSB 196*

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

♪Pax Domini	LSB 197
♪Agnus Dei	LSB 198
<b>Distribution</b> – <i>If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed inside the cover of the Friendship Pad.</i>	
<b>Distribution Hymns:</b>	
♪God Has Spoken by His Prophets	<b>LSB 583</b>
♪How Firm a Foundation	<b>LSB 728</b>
♪O Christ, Who Called the Twelve	<b>LSB 856</b>
♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202
♪God Bless Our Native Land	<b>LSB 965</b>

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 8th THROUGH July 15th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Voters' Meeting
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers Class (AIC)
		Newsletter Deadline



**About the Bulletin Cover:** Regardless of what we want to think, we are not the center of the universe. Paul writes that the very center of the universe is Christ Jesus. We, as sinful humans, have nothing of which to boast. It is in and through Christ's forgiveness that we have our identity and our purpose in life. His grace is therefore sufficient for us just as it was for Paul.



**Lectionary Summary: *The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life:*** The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: "*Thus says the Lord GOD,*" whether the people "*hear or refuse to hear*" (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus "*went about among the villages teaching*" (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, "*many who heard him were astonished,*" marveling at His wisdom and at the "*mighty works done by his hands,*" and yet "*they took offense at him*" (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His "*authority over the unclean spirits*" (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, "*cast out many demons*" and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God's grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ "*is made perfect in weakness*" (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

## **Our Partnership in the Gospel**

**Grace's Mission:** We are friends in God's family through Jesus, strengthened by His Spirit to represent Christ in our daily lives, our community and the world.

**Grace's Vision:** To be an active, growing Christ-centered congregation offering youth and adults traditional Lutheran worship, Bible study and fellowship while reaching out especially to our neighbors, families and friends with the Gospel invitation.

**2018 Theme:** *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42*

**Our Worship Attendance:**

**June 28 & July 1, 2018:** 123 (34/89)

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