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Welcome to Grace!

July 12 & 15, 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 Hymnals: Are available from the ushers!

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

May the Lord bless your worship today!

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12 & 15, 2018 – Divine Service, Setting Three**

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ O Holy Spirit, Enter In	<i>LSB 913</i>
Invocation	<i>LSB 184</i>
Confession of Sins and Absolution	<i>LSB 184</i>

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit

Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: Psalm 143:11



- P** For your name’s sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*
- In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
- C** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
- In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
- P** Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
- for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
- C** Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,*
- for in | you I trust.

♪ Gloria Patri	<i>LSB 186</i>
♪ Kyrie	<i>LSB 186</i>
♪ Gloria in Excelsis	<i>LSB 187</i>
♪ Salutation and Collect of the Day	<i>LSB 189</i>

- P** O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Amos 7:7–15

Pew Bible, p. 769

This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Epistle – Ephesians 1:3–14

Pew Bible, p. 976

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:14–29

Pew Bible, p. 841

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 192 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – Confession

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 326

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt

someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

♪ **Jesus, Priceless Treasure** **LSB 743**

Sermon

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**

Distribution – *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed inside the cover of the Friendship Pad.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪ **God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons** **LSB 682**

♪ **Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared** **LSB 622**

♪ **Jesus Comes Today with Healing** **LSB 620**

♪ **Nunc Dimittis** **LSB 199**

♪ **Thanksgiving** **LSB 200**

♪ **Salutation and Benedicamus** **LSB 201**

♪ **Benediction** **LSB 202**

♪ **Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit** **LSB 746**



+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 15th THROUGH July 22nd

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Voters' Meeting
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers Class (AIC) Newsletter Deadline
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Grace
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers Class (AIC)
	5:00 PM	Vacation Bible School until 8:00 PM



About the Bulletin Cover: People seek to be brave and to show no fear. We often seek to hide our fears. We are fearful of others who may have more authority or a more prominent reputation than we have. Like Herod, we, too, have fears, and because of sin, we allow those fears to lead our life. Yet, in spite of all our fears, God promises His faithful love and forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

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:

July 5 & 8, 2018: 96 (21/75)