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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**September 16, 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!**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 16, 2018 – Divine Service, Setting Four

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ Evening and Morning

LSB 726

Invocation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit

*Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: Psalm 31:24*



**P** Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

**C** But I trust in you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, “You | are my God.”

**P** My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

**C** Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!

**C** 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.

**P** Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

♪ Kyrie

LSB 204

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 50:4–10**

*Pew Bible, p. 611*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.  
I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD  
and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness  
and has no light

trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

**Epistle – James 3:1–12**

*Pew Bible, p. 1012*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide

their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

## ♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

### Holy Gospel – Mark 9:14–29

*Pew Bible, p. 844*

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 206 or inside back cover of hymnal*

**Catechism Time – *The Ten Commandments***

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321*

**The Third Commandment**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

♪ **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**LSB 849**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**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.*

♪ **Offertory – *We Give Thee But Thine Own***

**LSB 781, vv. 1–2, 6**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

♪ **Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 209*

**Lord’s Prayer**

*LSB 209*

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 209*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 209*

♪ **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

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

## Distribution Hymns:

♪ Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	<b>LSB 819</b>
♪ Oh Jesus, King Most Wonderful	<b>LSB 554</b>
♪ Word of God, Come Down on Earth	<b>LSB 545</b>

♪ Nunc Dimittis **LSB 211**

Post-Communion Collect **LSB 212**

Benedicamus and Benediction **LSB 212**

♪ Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old **LSB 846**

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 16th THROUGH September 23rd

**SUNDAY**      9:00 AM      **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
10:30 AM      Bible Study & Sunday School  
12:00 PM      Adult Inquirers Class (AIC)

**MONDAY**      9:00 AM      Circuit Pastors' Meeting, St. Peter's, Waterford

**TUESDAY**      7:00 PM      Elders' Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**      11:00 AM      Growing Strong with Grace  
6:30 PM      Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM      Grace Choir Practice

**FRIDAY**      Office Closed

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## **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:**

**September 9, 2018:** 118