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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**September 23, 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!**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 23, 2018 – Divine Service, Setting Four**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

♪Blessed Jesus, at Your Word	<i>LSB 904</i>
Invocation	<i>LSB 203</i>
Confession of Sins and Absolution	<i>LSB 203</i>

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

♪Introit

*Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: Psalm 37:4*



- P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
- C** **Commit your way | to the LORD;\***  
**trust in him, and | he will act.**
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.
- C** **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\***  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who  
carries out evil de- | vices!**
- 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** Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

♪Kyrie *LSB 204*

♪Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

**P** O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – *Jeremiah 11:18–20*

*Pew Bible, p. 640*

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;

then you showed me their deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me

they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living,

that his name be remembered no more.”

But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,

who tests the heart and the mind,

let me see your vengeance upon them,

for to you have I committed my cause.

## Epistle – *James 3:13—4:10*

*Pew Bible, p. 1012*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw

near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

## ♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

## Holy Gospel – Mark 9:30–37

*Pew Bible, p. 845*

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

## Apostles’ Creed

*LSB 207 or inside back cover of hymnal*

## Catechism Time – The Ten Commandments

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321*

## The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

## ♪ Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

LSB 851

## 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.*

**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:**

♪ **Lamb of God, Pure and Holy** ***LSB 434***

♪ **The Lamb** ***LSB 547***

♪ **Let Me Be Thine Forever** ***LSB 689***

♪ **O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee** ***LSB 632***

♪ **Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 211*

**Post-Communion Collect** *LSB 212*

**Benedicamus and Benediction** *LSB 212*

♪ **What Is the World to Me** ***LSB 730***

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 23rd THROUGH September 30th

**SUNDAY**      9:00 AM      **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
10:30 AM      Bible Study & Sunday School  
11:30 AM      Youth Group Lunch and Bowling

**WEDNESDAY**    6:30 PM      Confirmation Class  
6:30 PM      Grace Choir Practice

**THURSDAY**    6:30 PM      Grace Bell Choir Practice

**FRIDAY**                                              Office Closed

**SUNDAY**      9:00 AM      **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
10:30 AM      Bible Study & Sunday School  
12:00 PM      Church Picnic at Kids' Connection in Franksville Park



**About the Bulletin Cover:** We are thankful for God's Word. In it, Jesus speaks very plainly to His disciples and to us about His life, death, and purpose in this life. He says, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." We believe that Jesus came into the world to be given over to evil men and to be put to death for our salvation. Thanks be to Christ Jesus, our light and our life!

**Lectionary Summary:** *Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son:* The sinful heart is filled with "*bitter jealousy and selfish ambition*" (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God "*opposes the proud*" with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He "*gives grace to the humble,*" in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true "*wisdom from above*" is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was "*like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,*" committing Himself to God, His Father, "*who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind*" (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, "*after three days,*" His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

## **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 16, 2018:** 106