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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**November 4, 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!**

**All Saints' Day (observed)**  
**November 4, 2018 – Divine Service, Setting One**

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

**Remembrance of the Faithful Departed**

**♪For All the Saints**

**Verse 1: (All) For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith  
before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Verse 2: (Choir Only) Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord,  
their captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear,  
their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Verse 3: (All) Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints  
who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of  
gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Verse 4: (Choir Only) And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear  
the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms  
are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Stand**

**Verse 5: (All) From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host; Singing to Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Invocation**

*LSB 151*

**Confession of Sins and Absolution**

*LSB 151*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**♪Introit**

*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*



**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

**C** **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\***  
**in your righteousness de- | liver me.**

**P** For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

**C** Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**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** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

♫ **Kyrie** LSB 152

♫ **Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast** LSB 155

♫ **Salutation and Collect of the Day** LSB 156

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading – Revelation 7:9–17**

*Pew Bible, p. 1032*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Grace Choir Anthem** – *Blessed Are They*

**Epistle** – *1 John 3:1–3*

*Pew Bible, p. 1022*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

**Holy Gospel** – *Matthew 5:1–12*

*Pew Bible, p. 809*

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 322*

**The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

♪Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

**LSB 676**

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 159 or inside back cover of hymnal*

**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

*LSB 159*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

♪Preface

*LSB 160*

♪Sanctus

*LSB 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

♪Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

♪Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*

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

**Distribution Hymns:**

♪Jerusalem, My Happy Home

**LSB 673**

♪Jerusalem the Golden

**LSB 672**

♪Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

**LSB 680**

♪Children of the Heavenly Father

**LSB 725**

♪Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*

*LSB 165*

**Post-Communion Collect**

*LSB 166*

♪Benediction

*LSB 166*

♪Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

**LSB 670**

## + TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 4th THROUGH November 11th

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	7:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>		Office Closed
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies

**About the Bulletin Cover:** Jesus has only compassion for people. He says, “*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*” (Matthew 5:3). The poor in spirit are those who truly desire to know and have faith in the saving work of Christ Jesus. The poor in spirit desire to lead righteous lives but know that they are unable without Jesus. True faith opens the kingdom of heaven to us.

**Lectionary Summary: *Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ:*** “*A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,*” cry out “*salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne*” (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, “*shall see him as he is*” (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall “*serve him day and night in his temple*” (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

## **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:**

**October 28, 2018:** 107