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Welcome to Grace!

November 11, 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!

♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 – 1 Kings 17:8–16

Pew Bible, p. 299

Then the word of the LORD came to him, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Grace Sunday School Choir Anthem – Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Epistle – Hebrews 9:24–28

Pew Bible, p. 1006

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

♪Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel – Mark 12:38–44

Pew Bible, p. 849

In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



Catechism Time – The Ten Commandments

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 322

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear his wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

♪ Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

Sermon

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 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:

♪ **All Depends on Our Possessing** **LSB 732**

♪ **Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings** **LSB 782**

♪ **We Give Thee But Thine Own** **LSB 781**

♪ **For the Fruits of His Creation** **LSB 894**

♪ **Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*** LSB 165

Post-Communion Collect LSB 166

♪ **Benediction** LSB 166

♪ **How Firm a Foundation** **LSB 728**

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 11th THROUGH November 18th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	11:00 AM	Growing Strong with Grace
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
	6:30 PM	Family Fun Night
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	12:00 PM	Youth Group Fiesta Lunch – All are invited!



About the Bulletin Cover: As good stewards of God’s gifts, we joyfully return a portion of the blessings He provides us. And, like the widow, we are to live knowing that the only gift that gives life is faith in Jesus. For when the dust of this life settles, He is the only gift we can count on. Jesus is truly everything we need in this life and in the life that is to come. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Lectionary Summary: *The Lord Freely Feeds and Provides for Us with Everything He Has:* Those who contribute “*large sums*” from “*out of their abundance*” have done very little. They cannot purchase God’s favor with their money. But the “*poor widow*” with her two small coins, who “*out of her poverty has put in everything she had,*” entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah “*for many days,*” as well as herself and her household, “*according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah*” (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. “*By the sacrifice of himself,*” by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered “*into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf*” (Heb. 9:24–26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us.

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:

November 4, 2018: 107