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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**April 7, 2019**

### **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!**



<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
    they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
    I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches,  
    for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
    to give drink to my chosen people,  
    <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
    that they might declare my praise.

**Grace Choir Anthem – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

**Epistle – *Philippians 3:8–14***

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.  
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

***The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.***

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

<sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

## **Apostles’ Creed**

*LSB 192 or inside back cover of hymnal*

## **Catechism Time – Sacrament of Holy Baptism**     *Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 325*

### **Third**

*How can water do such great things?*

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (*Titus 3:5–8*)

## **♪ My Song Is Love Unknown**

**LSB 430**

**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. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution.*

**Distribution Hymns:**

♪The Church’s One Foundation	LSB 644
♪Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	LSB 685
♪We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died	LSB 429
♪Christ Is Our Cornerstone	LSB 912

♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202

♪Not All the Blood of Beasts	LSB 431
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**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF April 7th THROUGH April 14th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	11:30 AM	Youth Group Meeting
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers' Class (AIC)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	5:15 PM	Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	<b>MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP</b>
	7:15 PM	Grace Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Memorials Committee Meeting
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers' Class (AIC)



**About the Bulletin Cover:** Sometimes it only takes a change of perspective, such as viewing the great expanse of the sky over the vineyard, to be reminded that this is the Lord's vineyard. Those who work the ground are only caretakers. The Father has sent His Son to a world that refuses to recognize who He is. Though the world crucified the Son, it was God's plan of redemption all along.

**Lectionary Summary: *God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us:*** Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone "*through faith in Christ*" (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we "*know him and the power of his resurrection*" (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a "*new thing*" for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become "*the stone that the builders rejected.*" Yet, the One rejected by men "*has become the cornerstone*" of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, "*a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert*" (Is. 43:19).

## **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.

**2019 Theme:** *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

**Our Worship Attendance:**

**March 27, 2019:** 62

**March 31, 2019:** 107