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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**August 1 & 4, 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!**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 1 & 4, 2019 – Divine Service, Setting One**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

♪What Is the World to Me	<b>LSB 730</b>
Invocation	<b>LSB 151</b>
Confession of Sins and Absolution	<b>LSB 151</b>

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

♪Introit

*Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: Psalm 49:1–2*



- P** Hear this, all | peoples!\*
- Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
- C** **both | low and high,\***  
**rich and poor to- | gether!**
- P** Truly no man can ransom an- | other,\*  
or give to God the price | of his life,
- C** **for the ransom of their life is | costly\***  
**and can nev- | er suffice.**
- P** This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;\*
- yet after them people approve | of their boasts.
- C** **Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;\***  
**death shall be their | shepherd.**
- P** But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,\*  
for he will re- | ceive me.
- 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** Hear this, all | peoples!\*
- Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
- C** **both | low and high,\***  
**rich and poor to- | gether!**

**♫ Kyrie**

LSB 152

**♫ Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 154

**♫ Salutation and Collect of the Day**

LSB 156

**P** O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26** *Pew Bible, p. 553*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ...

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ...

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

**Epistle – Colossians 3:1–11***Pew Bible, p. 984*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God

is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

## ♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

### Holy Gospel – Luke 12:13–21

*Pew Bible, p. 871*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

### Catechism Time – The Ten Commandments

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321*

#### The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

## ♪ Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

### 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. 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. Wine greatly diluted with water is available in purple-tinted cups in the center of each Communion tray for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

### **Distribution Hymns:**

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

♪ **Renew Me, O Eternal Light** LSB 704

♪ **Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me** LSB 761

♪ **Post-Communion Canticle – Thank the Lord** LSB 164

**Post-Communion Collect** LSB 166

♪ **Benediction** LSB 166

♪ **Christ Be My Leader** LSB 861

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
	4:00 PM	National Night Out until 8:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
<u>THURSDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
	6:30 PM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<u>FRIDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Special Voters' Meeting (Worship Service Time)



**About the Bulletin Cover:** The world's treasures can never buy life. Jesus Himself uses something much more valuable to buy us back. The explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed says that Jesus "has *redeemed* me, a lost and condemned person, *purchased* and won me...*not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death*" (catechism quotation: © 1986 CPH, emphasis added).

**Lectionary Summary: *Faith in Christ Is Rich toward God:*** To live for earthly things "is *vanity and a striving after wind,*" and work that is driven by such vanity "is an *unhappy business*" (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for "all the *toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun...all his days are full of sorrow*" (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your "covetousness, which is *idolatry*" (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For "one's *life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*" (Luke 12:15). But "*Christ who is your life*" (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be "*rich toward God*" in Him (Luke 12:21).

## **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:**

**July 25 & 28, 2019:** 105 (24/81)