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Welcome to Grace!

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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!

P O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15–20*Pew Bible, p. 172*

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Epistle – Philemon 1–21*Pew Bible, p. 1000*

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that

you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

Holy Gospel – Luke 14:25–35

Pew Bible, p. 874

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 207 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – The Creed

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 322

The First Article

Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I

need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. This is most certainly true.

♪ **From God Can Nothing Move Me**

LSB 713

Sermon

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

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** – *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

LSB 781, vv. 1–2, 6

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. 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:

♪ **I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

LSB 729

♪ **Praise the Almighty**

LSB 797

♪ **Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

LSB 707

♪ **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

♪ **Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

LSB 660

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 8th THROUGH September 15th

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

TUESDAY 6:30 PM Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM Confirmation Class

FRIDAY 7:00 PM Romans Bible Study
Office Closed

SUNDAY 9:00 AM **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Studies
11:30 AM Youth Meeting
Newsletter Deadline



Lectionary Summary: *Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You:* A disciple of Jesus Christ will *“bear his own cross”* (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with *“all that he has”* (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows *“his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life”* (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as *“life and good, death and evil”* (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to *“choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him”* (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, *“that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord”* (Philemon 14).

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:

August 29 & September 1, 2019: 98 (46/52)