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Welcome to Grace!

November 17, 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!

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019 – Divine Service, Setting One

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

♪Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
The Rite of Holy Baptism

LSB 592
LSB 268

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit

Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33



- P** Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.
- C** I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
- P** My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.
- C** The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
- P** The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
- C** The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
- 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** Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.

♪Kyrie

LSB 152

♪Hymn of Praise – *Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

- P** O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Malachi 4:1–6*Pew Bible, p. 802*

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Grace Choir Anthem – Sing Praises to Our God**Epistle – 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13***Pew Bible, p. 990*

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

♪ Alleluia and Verse*LSB 156***Holy Gospel – Luke 21:5–28***Pew Bible, p. 880*

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Catechism Time – The Lord’s Prayer

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 324

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God’s kingdom come?

God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

♪The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

Sermon

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:

♪ **The Clouds of Judgment Gather**

LSB 513

♪ **Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray**

LSB 663

♪ **Fight the Good Fight**

LSB 664

♪ **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

LSB 733

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

LSB 165

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

♪ **Benediction**

LSB 166

♪ **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

LSB 348

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 17th THROUGH November 24th

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:00 AM | DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 10:30 AM | Sunday School and Youth Bible Study |
| | 10:30 AM | Lutheran Heritage Foundation Presentation |
| | 12:00 PM | Fiesta Luncheon |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 9:00 AM | Circuit Pastors' Meeting; Trinity, Racine – Pastor Crane |
| | 6:30 PM | RLHS Board of Directors Meeting – Pastor Crane |
| <u>TUESDAY</u> | 6:30 PM | Special Council Meeting (Budget) |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 11:00 AM | Growing Strong with Grace |
| | 6:30 PM | Confirmation Class |
| | 6:30 PM | Grace Choir Practice |
| <u>FRIDAY</u> | 7:00 PM | Romans Bible Study |
| | | Office Closed |
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | 9:00 AM | DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 10:30 AM | Sunday School and Bible Studies |



Lectionary Summary: *God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence:* There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. *"There will be great distress upon the earth"* (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that *"the kingdom of God is near"* (Luke 21:31). Therefore, *"straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which *"will not pass away"* (Luke 21:33). For you, *"the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings"* (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah *"before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes"* (Mal. 4:5), in order to *"direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"* (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, *"the Lord is faithful,"* and by the preaching of His Word *"he will establish you and guard you against the evil one"* (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, *"do not grow weary in doing good"* (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

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:

November 10, 2019: 112