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Welcome to Grace!

February 23, 2020

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!

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 23, 2020 – Divine Service, Setting Four

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here	LSB 414
Invocation	LSB 203
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit

Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 99:9



- P** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!
- C** The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!*
- He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!
- P** The LORD is great in | Zion;*
he is exalted over all the | peoples.
- C** Let them praise your great and | awesome name!*
- Ho- | ly is he!
- P** The King in his might loves | justice.*
You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness
in | Jacob.
- C** Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his | footstool!*
- Ho- | ly is he!
- 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** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy | mountain;*
for the LORD our God is | holy!

♪Kyrie LSB 204

♪Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 24:8–18

Pew Bible, p. 65

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Epistle – 2 Peter 1:16–21

Pew Bible, p. 1018

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 17:1–9*Pew Bible, p. 822*

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

Apostles’ Creed*LSB 207 or inside back cover of hymnal***Catechism Time – Confession***Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 326*

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

♪ O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**LSB 413****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 – We Give Thee But Thine Own**LSB 781, vv. 1–2, 6**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface	<i>LSB 208</i>
♪ Sanctus	<i>LSB 208</i>
Prayer of Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 209</i>
Lord's Prayer	<i>LSB 209</i>
The Words of Our Lord	<i>LSB 209</i>
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 209</i>
♪ Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 210</i>

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:

♪ O Word of God Incarnate	<i>LSB 523</i>
♪ Beautiful Savior	<i>LSB 537</i>
♪ Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	<i>LSB 680</i>
♪ O Bless the Lord, My Soul	<i>LSB 814</i>

♪ Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 211</i>
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Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 212</i>
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Benedicamus and Benediction	<i>LSB 212</i>
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♪ Alleluia, Song of Gladness	<i>LSB 417</i>
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+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 23rd THROUGH March 1st

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

MONDAY 6:30 PM RLHS Board of Directors – Pastor Crane

WEDNESDAY 5:15 PM Lenten Supper
6:30 PM **ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE III
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
7:15 PM Grace Choir Practice
7:30 PM Confirmation Class

FRIDAY 7:00 PM Romans Bible Study
Office Closed

SUNDAY 9:00 AM **DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
10:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Studies



Lectionary Summary: *God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross:* The Transfiguration confirms “*the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place*” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “*eyewitnesses of his majesty*” (2 Peter 1:16). “*He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun*” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “*the appearance of the glory of the LORD*” is no longer “*like a devouring fire*” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “*Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel*” went up the mountain with Moses and “*beheld God, and ate and drank*” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.



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.

2020 Theme: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

Our Worship Attendance:

February 16, 2020: 105