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Welcome to Grace!

September 17 & 20, 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.

Fellowship Time: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Large Print Hymns: Are available from the ushers!

Electronic Devices: PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17 & 20, 2020 – Divine Service, Setting Four
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪Salvation unto Us Has Come	<i>LSB 555 (vv. 1–5)</i>
Invocation	<i>LSB 203</i>
Confession of Sins and Absolution	<i>LSB 203</i>

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit *Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 116:17*



- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.
- C** **What shall I render | to the LORD***
for all his bene- | fits to me?
- P** I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.
- C** **Precious in the sight | of the LORD***
is the death | of his saints.
- P** O LORD, I am your | servant;*
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.
- 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** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

♪Kyrie	<i>LSB 204</i>
♪Gloria in Excelsis	<i>LSB 204</i>

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 – *Isaiah 55:6–9*

Pew Bible, p. 615

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Epistle – *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

Pew Bible, p. 980

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ...

¹⁹For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their

destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

Holy Gospel – *Matthew 20:1–16*

Pew Bible, p. 825

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Nicene Creed

LSB 206 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – *The Lord’s Prayer*

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 324

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

♪Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 (vv. 6–10)

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

♪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 on the inside page of the worship bulletin. 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 Walk in Danger All the Way	LSB 716
♪ Lord of All Hopefulness	LSB 738

♪**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Collect *LSB 212*

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

♪**For Me to Live Is Jesus** **LSB 742**

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +



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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 20th THROUGH September 27th

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

MONDAY 9:00 AM Circuit Pastors' Meeting, St. Peter's, Waterford
6:30 PM RLHS Board of Directors Meeting – Pastor Crane

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM Confirmation Class

THURSDAY 6:30 PM **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

FRIDAY Office Closed

SUNDAY 9:00 AM **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
10:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Studies
2:00 PM Circuit Forum, St. Paul's, Union Grove



Lectionary Summary: *Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ:* Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

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:

September 10 & 13, 2020: 79 (30/49)