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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**October 15 & 18, 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!**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 15 & 18, 2020 – Divine Service, Setting Three

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	LSB 819
Invocation	LSB 184
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit

*Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: Psalm 121:5*



- P** The LORD is your | keeper;\*  
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
- 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** **He will not let your | foot be moved;\***  
**he who keeps you will not | slumber.**
- P** Behold, he who keeps | Israel\*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
- C** **The LORD will keep you from all | evil;\***  
**he will | keep your life.**
- P** The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in\*  
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

♪Gloria Patri	LSB 186
♪Kyrie	LSB 186
♪Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 187

## ♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

**P** O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1–7*

*Pew Bible, p. 605*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>“I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

## Epistle – *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

*Pew Bible, p. 986*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## ♪ Alleluia

LSB 190

## Holy Gospel – Matthew 22:15–22

*Pew Bible, p. 827*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal*

## Catechism Time – Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 325*

### First

#### *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

#### *Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

♪Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**LSB 940**

**Sermon**

♪Offertory

**LSB 192**

**Prayer of the Church**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

♪Preface

**LSB 194**

♪Sanctus

**LSB 195**

**Lord's Prayer**

**LSB 196**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**LSB 197**

♪Pax Domini

**LSB 197**

♪Agnus Dei

**LSB 198**

**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:**

♪All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**LSB 549**

♪Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

**LSB 813**

♪Nunc Dimittis

**LSB 199**

♪Thanksgiving

**LSB 200**

♪Salutation and Benedicamus

**LSB 201**

♪Benediction

**LSB 202**

♪O Light Whose Splendor

**LSB 891**

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 18th THROUGH October 25th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
<u>MONDAY</u>	6:30 PM	RLHS Board of Directors Meeting – Pastor Crane
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	5:30 PM	Confirmation Examination
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b> <i>Rite of Confirmation</i>
	10:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Study



**Lectionary Summary: *We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ:*** Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “*to entangle him in his words*” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “*render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s*” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “*from the rising of the sun and from the west*” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “*to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings*” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “*in power and in the Holy Spirit*” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “*turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God*” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

## **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:**

**October 8 & 11, 2020:** 79 (25/54)