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Welcome to Grace!

May 6 & 9, 2021

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!

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6 & 9, 2021 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice LSB 556 (vv. 1–5)

Invocation LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit *Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: Psalm 66:16*



P Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

C **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;***
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

P Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the | living***
and has not let our | feet slip.

P Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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 Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

♪Kyrie LSB 152

♪Hymn of Praise – *This Is the Feast* LSB 155

♪ Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading – Acts 10:34–48

Pew Bible, p. 919

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Epistle – 1 John 5:1–8

Pew Bible, p. 1023

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Holy Gospel – John 15:9–17

Pew Bible, p. 902

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Catechism Time – The Creed

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 323

The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. This is most certainly true.

♪ **Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

LSB 556 (vv. 6–10)

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 159 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

♪ **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 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:

♪What a Friend We Have in Jesus	LSB 770
♪When to Our World the Savior Came	LSB 551
♪Christ the Eternal Lord	LSB 829

♪Post-Communion Canticle – <i>Thank the Lord</i>	LSB 164
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Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
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♪Benediction	LSB 166
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♪Come, My Soul, with Every Care	LSB 779
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+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 9th THROUGH May 16th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	ASCENSION DAY DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>	7:00 PM	Romans Bible Study Office Closed
<u>SATURDAY</u>		Newsletter Deadline
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study



Lectionary Summary: *The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel:* The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “*are witnesses of all that he did.*” He was anointed by God “*with the Holy Spirit and with power,*” and “*he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*” and so He was with those whom He sent “*to preach to the people*” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “*baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,*” so that “*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “*the water and the blood*” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “*joy may be full.*” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “*go and bear fruit*” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

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.

2021 Theme: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Our Worship Attendance:

April 29 & May 2, 2021: 90 (28/62)