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Welcome to Grace!

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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!

♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 – *Jeremiah 23:1–6*

Pew Bible, p. 650

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle – *Ephesians 2:11–22*

Pew Bible, p. 976

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:30–44

Pew Bible, p. 841

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – The Lord’s Prayer

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 324

The Seventh Petition

P But deliver us from evil.

P *What does this mean?*

C **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

♪ The Church’s One Foundation

LSB 644

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

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:

♪I'm But a Stranger Here	LSB 748
♪O Living Bread from Heaven	LSB 642
♪Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread	LSB 625
♪Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	LSB 619

♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202

♪Church of God, Elect and Glorious	LSB 646
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+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 18th THROUGH July 25th

<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
	12:30 PM	Game Day
<u>THURSDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Vacation Bible School until 12:00 PM
	7:00 PM	Romans Bible Study
		Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Bible Study



Lectionary Summary: *The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel:* The Lord rebukes and removes “*the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep*” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets “*shepherds over them who will care for them*” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “*reign as king and deal wisely*” (Jer. 23:5). He is “*our righteousness,*” in whom we “ *dwell securely*” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “*like sheep without a shepherd*” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “*to set before the people*” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “*to you who were far off,*” and “*by the blood of Christ,*” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “*separated from Christ*” by your sin, “*having no hope and without God in the world*” (Eph. 2:12), now “*you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*” (Eph. 2:19).

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:

July 8 & 11, 2021: 87 (27/60)