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Welcome to Grace!

November 18 & 21, 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.

Friendship Pad: Please sign the Friendship Pad when it is passed during the service.

Offering: The offering plates are not passed. Rather, they are located at the back of the nave. Please place your offering in one of the plates as you enter or leave the church. You may also hand it to one of the ushers.

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!

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 18 & 21, 2021 – Divine Service, Setting One
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying LSB 516

Invocation LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV*



- P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.
- C** **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;***
let me know how fleeting | I am!
- P** Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
- C** **And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?***
My hope | is in you.
- P** Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- C** **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;***
hold not your peace | at my tears!
- 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** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

♪Kyrie LSB 152

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

♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – *Isaiah 51:4–6*

Pew Bible, p. 612

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Epistle – *Jude 20–25*

Pew Bible, p. 1027

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit;
²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

♪Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel – Mark 13:24–37

Pew Bible, p. 850

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Catechism Time – *The Ten Commandments*

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321

The Fifth Commandment

P You shall not murder.

P *What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

♪ **Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

LSB 336

Sermon

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

♪ Offertory

LSB 159

The offering plates are not passed. Please see note on the first page of the bulletin.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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| ♪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 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:

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| ♪The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us | LSB 514 |
| ♪Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death | LSB 697 |
| ♪Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray | LSB 663 |
| ♪From All That Dwell Below the Skies | LSB 816 |

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| ♪Post-Communion Canticle – <i>Nunc Dimittis</i> | LSB 165 |
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| Post-Communion Collect | LSB 166 |
| ♪Benediction | LSB 166 |
| ♪Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers | LSB 515 |

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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About the Bulletin Cover: On the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we turn to the Last Day, when the Lord will bring to completion all things. This is not a day to dread, however. It is the day that we long for with eager anticipation. It is the sight all will behold as our crucified and risen Lord and King comes in glory. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10–11). As Martin Luther said in his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, “On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 21st THROUGH November 28th

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| <u>TODAY</u> | 9:00 AM | DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 10:30 AM | Bible Study |
| <u>MONDAY</u> | 6:30 PM | Confirmation Class |
| <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | 10:00 AM | Bible Study |
| | 6:30 PM | THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP |
| <u>THURSDAY</u> | 10:00 AM | THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP |
| | | Office Closed |
| <u>FRIDAY</u> | | Office Closed |
| <u>SATURDAY</u> | 9:00 AM | Christmas Decorating |
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | 9:00 AM | DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION |
| | 10:30 AM | Bible Study |



Lectionary Summary: *In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ:* The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that *“heaven and earth will pass away.”* But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which *“will not pass away”* (Mark 13:31). He is *“the firstborn of the dead,”* who in His great love *“has freed us from our sins by his blood”* (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because *“his dominion is an everlasting dominion”* and His kingdom *“shall not be destroyed”* (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ *“a light to the peoples,”* which *“will never be dismayed”* because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He *“is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,”* so wait upon *“the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life”* (Jude 20–24).

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:

November 11 & 14, 2021: 91 (32/59)