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Welcome to Grace!

May 5 & 8, 2022

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!

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 5 & 8, 2022 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594

Invocation LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*



- P** I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.
- C** He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;*
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his
people, Israel his in- | heritance.*
- P** With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.
- C** But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you for- |
ever;*
from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.
- 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 am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

♪ Kyrie LSB 152

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

♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 20:17–35

Pew Bible, p. 929

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Epistle – Revelation 7:9–17

Pew Bible, p. 1032

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne

and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel – John 10:22–30

Pew Bible, p. 896

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

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 King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

Sermon

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

♪Offertory

LSB 159

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

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 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:

♪The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710

♪How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524

♪Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

♪From God Can Nothing Move Me

LSB 713

♪Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

♪Benediction

LSB 166

♪Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 8th THROUGH May 15th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	6:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10:00 AM	Bible Study
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>	11:30 AM	Ladies of Grace Luncheon at Dynasty Family Restaurant Office Closed
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Grace Family Gathering



Lectionary Summary: *The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep:* Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, *“they will never perish”* (John 10:28), for *“no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand”* (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) *“care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28), *“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* (Rev. 7:10).

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.

2022 Theme: *"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

Our Worship Attendance:

April 28 & May 1, 2022: 87 (30/57)