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Welcome to Grace!

May 19 & 22, 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.

<u>Friendship Pad</u>: 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!

<u>Electronic Devices</u>: PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 19 & 22, 2022 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

□Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556 (vv. 1-4)

Invocation

LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution (Thursday only)
The Rite of Holy Baptism (Sunday only)

LSB 151 LSB 268

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit *

Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: Psalm 55:22

- P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;* he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.
- My heart is in anguish with- | in me;* the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.
- But I | call to God,* and the LORD will | save me.
- Evening and morning and at noon I utter my com- | plaint and moan,* and he | hears my voice.
- P He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,* for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.
- 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 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;* he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

↓KyrieLSB 152

↓ Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast

LSB 155

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 16:9–15

Pew Bible, p. 925

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Epistle – Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

Pew Bible, p. 1041

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the

nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

JAlleluia and Verse LSB 156

Holy Gospel – *John 16:23*–33

Pew Bible, p. 903

²³[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Catechism Time – Sacrament of Holy Baptism Luther's Small Catechism, LSB 325

First

- **P** 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.
- **P** 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)

♪Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556 (vv. 5-10)

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Thursday only)

LSB 158 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

☐OffertoryLSB 159

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

JPreface	LSB 160
JSanctus	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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JOur Father, Who from Heaven Above	LSB 766
JJerusalem the Golden	LSB 672
♪Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	LSB 636
□Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray	LSB 623
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□Post-Communion Canticle – Thank the Lord	LSB 164
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
♪ Benediction	LSB 166

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

LSB 680

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

♬Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 22nd THROUGH May 29th

TODAY 9:00 AM DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION

10:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

11:30 AM Council Meeting

TUESDAY 6:30 PM Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM Bible Study

THURSDAY 6:30 PM ASCENSION DAY DIVINE SERVICE

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

FRIDAY Office Closed

SUNDAY 9:00 AM DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION

10:30 AM Bible Study

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About the Bulletin Cover: No matter the situation, believers can always offer prayer confidently. Christ invites us to boldly pray in His name in the sure and certain hope that all prayer in Him is granted according to our Father's good and gracious will. Our joy, even amid trial, is bound up in Christ's love shown on the cross, which has opened access to God through prayer.

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Lectionary Summary: We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that "whatever you ask of the Father" in Jesus' name, "he will give it to you" (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our "joy may be full" (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation "of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is "the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb" (Rev. 21:22).

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: May 12 & 15, 2022: 93 (28/65)