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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.

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!

P O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 – *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26* *Pew Bible, p. 553*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ...

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ...

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Epistle – *Colossians 3:1–11*

Pew Bible, p. 984

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its

practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

♪ **Alleluia**

LSB 190

Holy Gospel – Luke 12:13–21

Pew Bible, p. 871

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – The Sacrament of the Altar *Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 327*

P *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

C **Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”**

♪ **Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

LSB 782

Sermon

♪ **Offertory**

LSB 192

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

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 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:

♪All Depends on Our Possessing	LSB 732
♪Renew Me, O Eternal Light	LSB 704
♪Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	LSB 761
♪Chief of Sinners Though I Be	LSB 611
♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202
♪Christ Be My Leader	LSB 861

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 31st THROUGH August 7th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	4:30 PM	National Night Out Pastor – Vacation
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		Pastor – Vacation
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION Pastor – Vacation
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed Pastor – Vacation
<u>SATURDAY</u>		Aluminum Cans until 10:30 AM Pastor – Vacation
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION Bible Study Pastor – Vacation



About the Bulletin Cover: Taking stock of possessions, whether in plenty or in want, easily becomes its own worrisome burden that is soon brought to futility at the end of this life. Jesus reminds us that being rich toward God is eternally important. In Christ, we see that it is not about what we have but who has us. God has made us His own through Christ, who emptied Himself for us on the cross, baptized us into Himself, and has thus made us rich beyond compare.

Lectionary Summary: *Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God:* To live for earthly things “*is vanity and a striving after wind,*” and work that is driven by such vanity “*is an unhappy business*” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “*all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow*” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “*covetousness, which is idolatry*” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “*one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*” (Luke 12:15). But “*Christ who is your life*” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “*rich toward God*” in Him (Luke 12:21).

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:

July 21 & 24, 2022: 69 (24/45)



Our Prayers:

Members celebrating birthdays this week: **31**-Kelly Smith; **3**-Lisa Woodward;

4-Hannah Lillich, Kiara Nelson; **6**-Joseph Kopecky, III; Nicole Robinson

Grace Families to Pray for this week: Fred Klaus, Barbara Klawien,
Doris Kleinschmidt

