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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**August 10 & 13, 2023**

### **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.

**Large Print Hymnals:** Are available from the ushers!

**Electronic Devices:** PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2023 – Divine Service, Setting Four

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

♪ God Moves in a Mysterious Way

LSB 765

Invocation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

♪ Introit

*Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*



- P** I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- C** I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.
- P** Those who look to him are | radiant,\*  
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
- C** This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him\*  
and saved him out of all his | troubles.
- P** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him,\*  
and de- | livers them.
- P** Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!\*  
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;
- C** as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

♪ Kyrie

LSB 204

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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*

*Job 38:4–18*

*p 443*

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

<sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

<sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

<sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

<sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

<sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

<sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

<sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## ♪ Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 205*

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

## The First Commandment

**P** You shall have no other gods.

**P** *What does this mean?*

**G** **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 159 or inside of back cover of *hymnal*

♪ **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

**LSB 717**

**Sermon Theme “God and gods, Faith and Doubt”**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

Prayer of the Church

Offering\_

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

♪ **Offertory - We Give Thee But Thine Own**

**LSB 781, vv. 1-2,6**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

♪ **Preface**

**LSB 208**

♪ **Sanctus**

**LSB 208**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**LSB 209**

Lord’s Prayer

**LSB 209**

The Words of Our Lord

**LSB 209**

♪ **Pax Domini**

**LSB 209**

♪ **Agnus Dei**

**LSB 210**

**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 Hymn

♪ **I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

**LSB 729**

♪ **Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

**LSB 715**

♪ **Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

**LSB 722**

♪ **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**LSB 575**

♪ <b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	<i>LSB 211</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 212</i>
♪ <b>Benedicamus</b>	<i>LSB 212</i>
♪ <b>Benediction</b>	<i>LSB 212</i>
♪ <b>“How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard</b>	<b>LSB 831</b>

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**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 13th THROUGH August 19th**

**SUNDAY**      9:00 AM      **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
                          10:30 AM      **Bible Study**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**      6:30 PM      **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**FRIDAY**

**SUNDAY**      9:00 AM      **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
                          10:30 AM      **Bible Study**

**Lectionary Summary: *Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith*** *The Lord who “laid the foundation of the earth” (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has “entered into the springs of the sea” and “walked in the recesses of the deep” (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been “a long way from the land, beaten by the waves” and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, “Do not be afraid,” and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard “through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (Rom. 10:8).*

**About the Bulletin Cover:** *God returned Job’s questions with the ones that were too profound for him to comprehend. In the mindset of this suffering, God called Job to trust in Him even amid things he could not understand. In Christ, the One through whom all things were made (see Johns 1:3), God’s answer to suffering is that the Second Person of the Trinity suffered in our place. The profoundness of His creative power is likewise shown in the depth of His love.*