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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**August 17 & 20, 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!  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 17 & 20, 2023 – Divine Service, Setting Four

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

♪ Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty LSB 901

Invocation LSB 203

Confession of Sins LSB 203

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

- P** The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.
- C** **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**
- P** The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.
- P** He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.
- C** **He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.**
- P** Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.
- 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** The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
**P** he casts the wicked | to the ground.

♪ Kyrie

LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6–8*

*pew Bible p. 616*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

<sup>6</sup>“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

Epistle *Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32*

*pew Bible p. 946 &947*

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

<sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 15:21–28**

**pew Bible p. 821**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.  
<sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”  
<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Catechism Time – *The Ten Commandments*     *Luther’s Small Catechism*, **LSB 321****

**The Second Commandment**

**P** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

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

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

**Nicene Creed**

**LSB 158 or inside of back of cover of hymnal**

♫ **When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

**LSB 615**

**Sermon Theme     "A Faithful Dog's Portion**

**"Matthew 15:21-28**

**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 +**

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|---|----------------|
| <b>♪Preface</b>                         | <b>LSB 208</b> |
| <b>♪Sanctus</b>                         | <b>LSB 208</b> |
| <b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>           | <b>LSB 209</b> |
| <b>Lord's Prayer</b>                    | <b>LSB 209</b> |
| <b>The Words of Our Lord</b>            | <b>LSB 209</b> |
| <b>Pax Domini</b>                       | <b>LSB 209</b> |
| <b>♪Agnus Dei</b>                       | <b>LSB 210</b> |
| <b>Distribution</b>                     |                |
| <b>♪ I Love Your Kingdom, Lord</b>      | <b>LSB 651</b> |
| <b>♪ I Lay My Sins on Jesus</b>         | <b>LSB 606</b> |
| <b>♪ Your Table I Approach</b>          | <b>LSB 628</b> |
| <b>♪ O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee</b> | <b>LSB 632</b> |
| <b>♪Nunc Dimittis</b>                   | <b>LSB 211</b> |
| <b>Post-Communion Collect</b>           |                |
| <b>♪ Benedicamus</b>                    | <b>LSB 212</b> |
| <b>♪Benediction</b>                     | <b>LSB 212</b> |
| <b>♪ May God Bestow on Us His Grace</b> | <b>LSB 823</b> |

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**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 20th THROUGH August 26th**

**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:** ***The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy*** By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that he may have mercy on all” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

**About the Bulletin Cover:** *Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, God proclaimed that, HE would bring people from all nations to His holy mountain, Zion. God’s grace and mercy makes strangers into citizens. “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians. E:13). Now, for all who are in Christ, there are only citizens of His heavenly kingdom.*