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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**August 3 & 6, 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!**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 6, 2023 – Divine Service, Setting Four

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

♪ Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

Invocation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

♪ Introit

*Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*



**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**C** He spread a cloud for a | covering, \*  
and fire to give | light by night.

**P** They asked, and he | brought quail, \*  
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.

**C** He opened the rock, and water | gushed out; \*  
it flowed through the desert like a | river.

**P** For he remembered his holy | promise, \*  
and Abraham, his | servant.

**P** So he brought his people | out with joy, \*  
his chosen ones with | singing.

**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** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

♪ Kyrie

LSB 204

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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**    *Isaiah 55:1–5*

*P 615*

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

**Epistle**    *Romans 9:1–13*

*P 945*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and

from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— <sup>12</sup>she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

## ♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

## Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:13–21*

P 820

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## Catechism time The Sacrament of the Altar

*Luther's Small Catechism*

LSB 327

*Who receives this Sacrament worthily?*

**Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who**

**does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.**

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 159 or inside of back cover of hymnal*

♪ **O Living Bread from Heaven**

*LSB 642*

**Sermon - Theme: "To you Belong the Gifts"**

*Romans 9:1-5 (10-13)*

**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**

♪ **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**

♪ **Your Table I Approach**

**LSB 628**

♪ **Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

**LSB 684**

♪ **Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee**

**LSB 573**

♪ **The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

**LSB 634**

♪ **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

Post-Communion Collect

*LSB 212*

Benedicamus and Benedication

*LSB 212*

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**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 6th THROUGH August 13th**

**SUNDAY**            9:00 AM    **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
                              10:30 AM    **Voters Meeting**

**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 Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God***

*By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves, “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).*

**About the Bulletin Cover:** *As Isaac was the child of promise, Paul helps us see that being a member of the family of God is not determined by bloodline or any human factors. Being counted as a child of promise is linked to faith in Christ the true offspring of Abraham. Christ and His forgiving work on the cross has brought us into the family of God sheerly out of His grace and mercy.*