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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**August 31 & September 3, 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!**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 31 & September 3, 2023– Divine Service, Setting Three**

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

♪With the Lord Begin Your Task	LSB 869
Invocation	LSB 184
Confession of Sins	LSB 184

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**Introit** *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

**P** Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**C** **Commit your way to the LORD;**  
**trust in him, and he will act.**

**P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.

**P** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries  
out evil devices!

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**C** **as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

♪Gloria Patri LSB 186

♪Kyrie LSB 186

♪Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading     Jeremiah 15:15–21**

**pew Bible p. 643-644**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### ♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

### Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

pew Bible p.821

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Catechism Time** – *The Ten Commandments*

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321*

### The Fourth Commandment

**P** Honor your father and your mother.

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

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

Nicene Creed	LSB 191 or inside of back of cover of hymnal	
♪ Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus	LSB 531	
<b><i>Sermon Theme</i></b>	<b><i>“The Things of God for You”</i></b>	<b><i>Matthew 16:21-26</i></b>

### Prayer of the Church

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

♪ Offertory	LSB 192
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### + 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

♪ Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me	LSB 756
♪ In the Cross of Christ I Glory	LSB 427
♪ O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace	LSB 693
♪ Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	LSB 873

♪ Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪ Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪ Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪ Benediction	LSB 202
♪ Son of God, Eternal Savior	LSB 842



## + TO GOD BE THE GLORY +



### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 3rdth THROUGH September 9th

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 Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).

**About the Bulletin Cover:** The people of Judah did not want to hear the Lord’s Word through Jeremiah. Like the journey through a dry valley, Jeremiah bore the reproach of God’s people for speaking the truth. Yet he was sustained by the Lord. God is at work to sustain the one who speaks His true Law and bring the one who hears it is repentance. In all things, God is leading His people to Christ, the One who bore the reproach of the world on the cross and, above all, won for us forgiveness, life, and salvation.