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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.

Large Print Hymnals: Are available from the ushers!

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

May the Lord bless your worship today!

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service, Setting Four**

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

♪ Praise the Almighty	LSB 797
Invocation	LSB 203
Confession of Sins	LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit	Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5
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P The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

C I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

P My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

C He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

C Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

P The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

P The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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 The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

♪ Kyrie	LSB 204
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♪ Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 204
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Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB 204
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P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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 45:1-7

Pew Bible, p. 605-606

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pew Bible, p. 986

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

🎵 Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

Pew Bible, p.827-828

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Catechism Time – *The Creed*

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 322

The First Article of Creation

P I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them; in addition thereto, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life, protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I owe it to Him to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159 or inside of back cover of hymnal

♪ Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940

Sermon Theme

"Four Reasons to Rejoice"

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

♪ Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

♪ Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

♪ How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703

♪ Now Thank We All Our God

LSB 895

♪ Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

♪ Benedicamus

LSB 212

♪ Benediction

LSB 212

♪ Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966

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+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 22nd through October 29th

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:

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man – who is made in the image of God – must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9-10).

About the Bulletin Cover: *Cyrus, king of Persia, entered through the gates of Babylon as the Lord’s anointed to set God’s people free from their tyranny. Despite all his worldly power, Cyrus did not know the Lord. The Lord still used him as an instrument for the sake of His purposes. How much more powerful it is that Jesus, the true Messiah and Son of God, as defeated Satan’s strongholds to save us from our captivity to sin through His cross. Christ is the Anointed One who has set the prisoner free!*