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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**

♪ In Thee Is Gladness	LSB 818
Invocation	LSB 203
Confession of Sins	LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit	Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2
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P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,

P for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

P as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

♪ 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.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩ Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

Pew Bible, p. 586

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

Pew Bible, p. 982

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

♪ Kyrie

LSB 205

♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Catechism Time – *The Ten Commandments*

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321

The Tenth Commandment

P What is the Tenth Commandment?

P You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 or inside of back cover of hymnal

♪ Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

Sermon Theme

“The Feast”

Matthew 22:1-14

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

♪ At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	LSB 633
♪ Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain	LSB 435
♪ Come unto Me, Ye Weary	LSB 684
♪ Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray	LSB 623
♪ Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 212
♪ Benedicamus	LSB 212
♪ Benediction	LSB 212
♪ Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise	LSB 917

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+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 15th through October 22nd

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: *Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast*

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).

About the Bulletin Cover: Paul experienced the seemingly insurmountable struggles of imprisonment, beatings, and persecution for proclaiming the Gospel. However, in the midst of this hardship, he knew he could hold fast to his confession because his strength was Christ. When it feels like we are barely holding on by our fingertips, we know what Christ is our strength. No obstacle to our faithfulness to Christ is insurmountable because Christ has already traveled up Mount Calvary and Conquered for us.