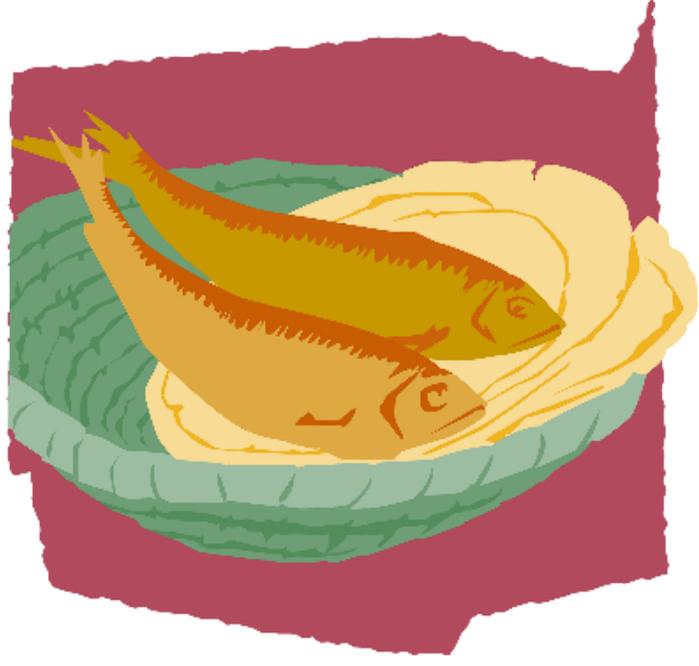




# Grace

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

### Today in Worship

- Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs.
- God’s Grace to you as you partake of Your one and only Savior Jesus this day.

### Ringling of the Bells

#### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #763  
“When Peace Like a River”

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. *refrain*

#### Refrain

It is well ... with my soul ... It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *refrain*

3. He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *refrain*

4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight.  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. *refrain*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for self-examination*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**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 42:5-9

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 42.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> "I am the Lord; I have called you[a] in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Acts 13:46-49

**L** The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter 13.

<sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

*“You are the light of the world.”*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*8:00 Service*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven. And sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*9:15 / 10:30 Service*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩

everlasting. Amen.

# Message for Children from God’s Word

## Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #839  
“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

1. O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error’s maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav’nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand’rers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
5. That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Responses after each petition:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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*8:00 a.m. Service*

# Service of the Sacrament

*The Lord's Supper* is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



## The Lord's Prayer

## Words of Our Lord

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

## Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

## Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #642  
*"O Living Bread from Heaven"*

1. O Living Bread from heaven, How well You feed Your guest!  
 The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
 Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
2. My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place  
 And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;  
 For You have freely given What earth could never buy,

The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

3. You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.

4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit To leave the world below,  
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

## The Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, in our want we cry to You and You answer us with the food of Your mercy and grace in Christ, our Savior. Keep us from being satisfied by things that have no power to forgive our sins or lead us to everlasting life. Lead us to trust in You, for Your grace will not disappoint us, and Your gifts satisfy us today and through all eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

## Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #803  
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and hav'n reflect Thy rays,



Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain-head of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!