

October 23rd, 2016
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
With Communion



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Divine Service 10 AM

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today, “Left alone, Jesus tells a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “down to his house justified, rather than the other” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “even infants,” come to Jesus with their need, and they “receive the kingdom of God” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 18:14). That is why “the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “poured out as a drink offering,” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “the message might be fully proclaimed” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “have loved his appearing” and as repentant sinners pray to “the Lord, the righteous judge” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

I Know My Faith Is Founded

LSB 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Stand

Invocation (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession: (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

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 reflection on God's Word and 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.**

Absolution: (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

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.

Service of the Word

Introit: (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)

Ps. 56:10-13; antiphon: Ps. 56:3

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,

in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

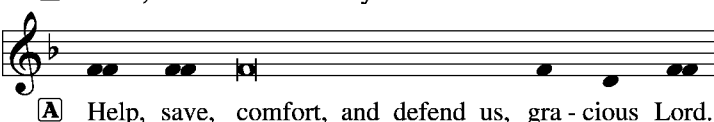
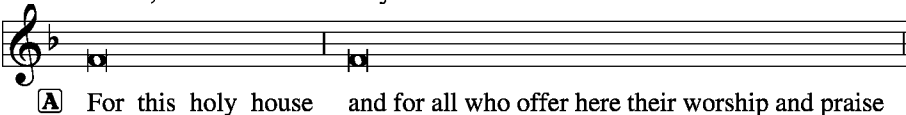
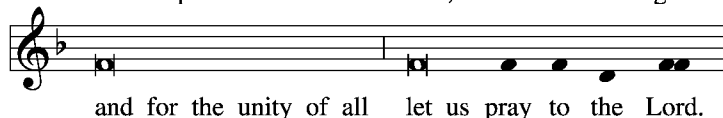
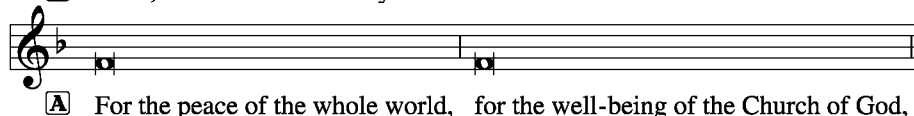
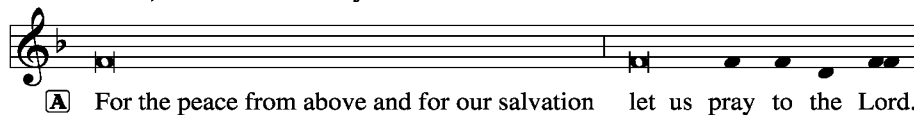
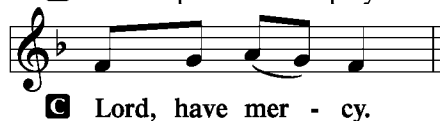
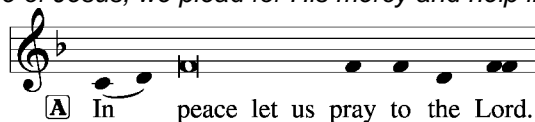
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

Kyrie: (Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)

LSB 152



Hymn of Praise: (*Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.*)

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

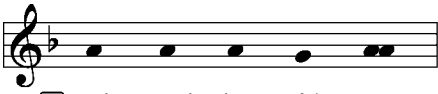


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation: (*The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.*)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Collect: *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)*

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-15

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the fourth chapter

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.*)

Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Today's Epistle reading is from II Timothy, the fourth chapter

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.....

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

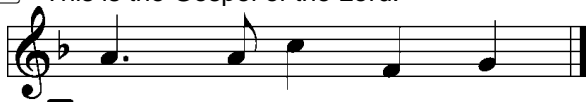
Luke 18:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

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 will 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.

Sit

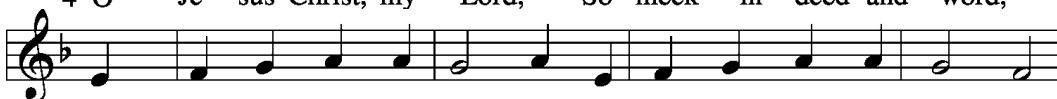
Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

In God, My Faithful God

LSB 745



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.

5 "So be it," then, I say
With all my heart each day.
Dear Lord, we all adore You,
We sing for joy before You.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise You yonder.

Sermon "God Be Merciful to Me, The Sinner"

Luke 18:13

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Stand

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

Create in Me

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

Prayer of the Church: *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

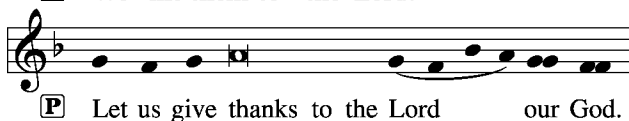
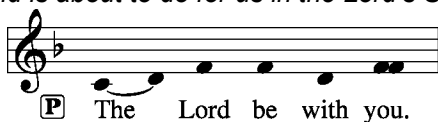
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

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

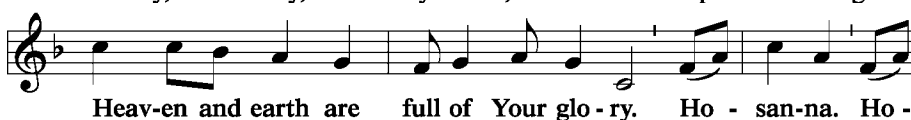
Service of the Sacrament

Preface: *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)* LSB 160



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)* LSB 161





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *(We thank God for His gift of His incarnate Son Jesus and ask Him to give what He has promised in the Sacrament.)* LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

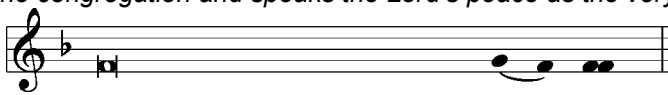
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord: *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini: (Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.) LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

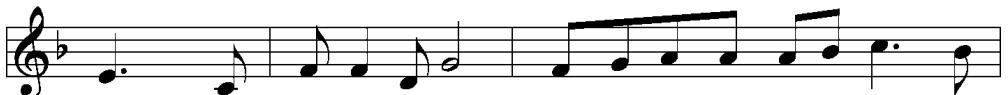
Agnus Dei: (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.) LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570



1	Just	as	I	am,	with -	out	one	plea	But	that	Thy
2	Just	as	I	am	and	wait -	ing	not	To	rid	my
3	Just	as	I	am,	though	tossed	a -	bout	With	man -	y a
4	Just	as	I	am,	poor,	wretch -	ed,	blind;	Sight,	rich -	es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588 sts. 1-2

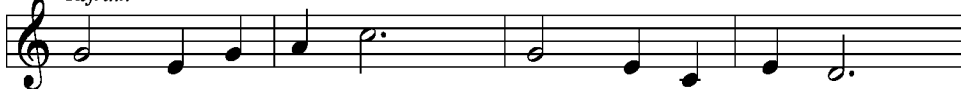


1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

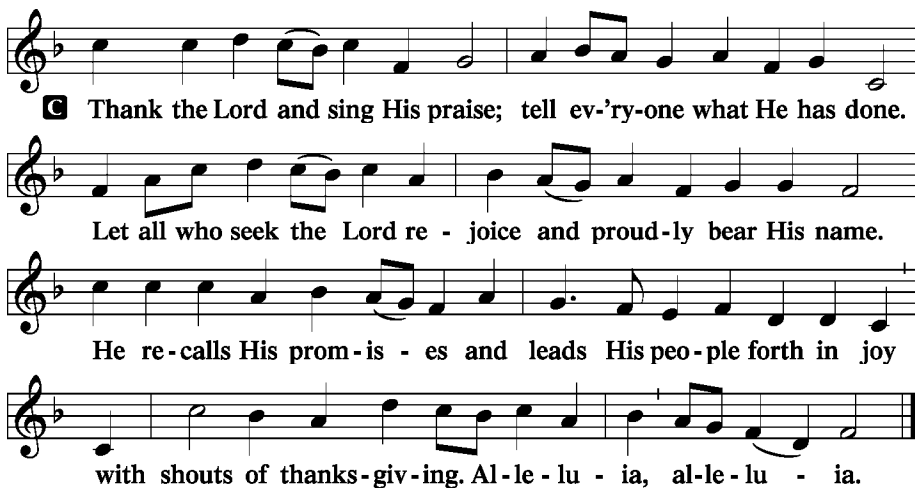
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle: *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect: *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

P Let us pray.

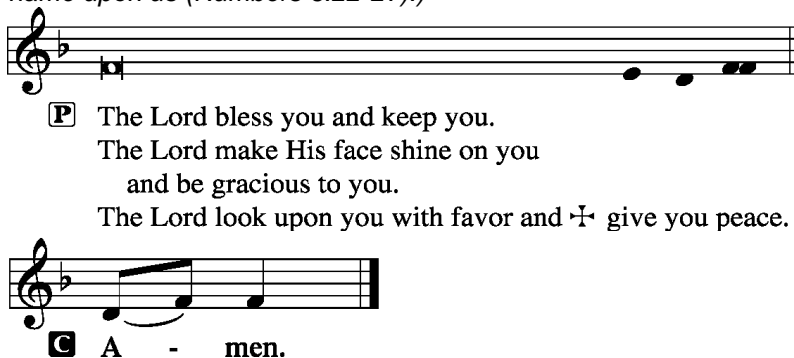
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)*

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C A - men.

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers today were given to the Glory of God by Rose & Ronnie Pietsch in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary on the 22nd..

October 23rd, 2016

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

Oct. Elders: M. W. Kasper
Jack Page

Ushers: Galen Bunte
Chad Catron

Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)

**Oct. Altar
Guild:** Helen Fleck
Carolyn Smith

Readers:
Oct. 23 Nancy Fritsche
Oct. 30 Jean Miller

Acolytes:
Oct. 23 Sterling Brown & David Wolff
Oct. 30 Thomas Brown & Barrett Watson

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to www.glcs.org and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

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Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Oct. 23</u>	<u>Mon. Oct. 24</u>	<u>Tues. Oct. 25</u>	<u>Wed. Oct. 26</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 11a Brd of Ed 6:30p Youth Group	8a Braille 5p Piecemakers		10a GLLC Chapel 1p Ministerial Alliance Mtg MIDWEEK SCHEDULE (See below)
<u>Thurs. Oct. 27</u>	<u>Fri. Oct. 28</u>	<u>Sat. Oct. 29</u>	<u>Sun. Oct. 30</u>
Newsletter Deadline/Noon	Pastor Away- Family Day		REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion

*MID WEEK SCHEDULE

6:00p Mid Week Meal

6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages

FINANCIALS – as of Oct. 16th, 2016

	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
General Offering	4,752.00	3,186.00	4,852.00		
2016 Weekly Budget goal	4,188.27	4,188.27	4,188.27	4,188.27	
Difference	563.73	-1,002.27	663.73		
SS Offering	47.00	33.00	30.00		
GLLC Donations	45.00	400.00	5.00		

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Charlotte Metzler, Lucy & Alvie Tinberg, Annie Mae Rohde, Pauline Dickson, Eleanore Brantley, Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher, Milly Fritz
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace, Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Jim Caldwell & Rob Scoggins (friends of the Rohde's), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Carolyn Smith, Kelly Tumaian (the Langer's daughter), Amber Vydrazal (niece of Donna Kadlecek), Charlene Frerich (the Johannessen's daughter), Linda Jolly (friend of the Rohde's), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Regina Reeves, Coey Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), Rick Fowler (friend of the Langer,s), George Neave (friend of GLLC), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Jo Ann Copeland, Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), Jamie Evans (friend of GLLC), Kelsey Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper), Melissa Wellman (friend of the Langer's), Nikki & Luke Rivera (friends of Kim Kunz), Pete Luna
Recent Health Concerns:	Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Jensen Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Eleanor Mutschink, Sergio Zamora (co-worker of Donna Zimmerhanzel), Barbara & Charlie Johannessen, Ivan Fritsche, Aaron Atsye (friend of the Deapens, Johnnie Kalina, Lee Hampton, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallace's, Shirley Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), Mildred Buscha, Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, Robert Miller, LaVerne Wallace, Mark Bunte, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Loretta & Mike Grassmuck (friends of Wendy Rohde), Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadlecek's), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Willie Smith (Ryan Smith's father), Becky Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), Donna, Holly & Carl Barrera, (friends of Patsy Wiggins), Tom Brown (son of Kathleen Brohlin), Ashley Miller (friend of Kim Kunz), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Fred Barkley (friend of the Langer's), Edna Mayfield (daughter of Kikue & Clarence Hannusch), Kenneth Matocha (friend of Daniel Kadlecek), Samuel Engman, George Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), Kikue Hannusch, Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Lisa Ladewig (granddaughter of Esther Hoskins), Jayden Anderson (3 yr. old- friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Jordon Nitsche (friend of Frances Pool), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), Jordan Burleson, Esther Hoskins, Garrette Hoffman, Charley Rae Furr, (friend of Donna Zimmerhanzel), Evelyn Tinberg (Alvie's sister-in-law), Floyd Meeks, Christopher Harms (friend of the Metzler's).

In the Military:	Giancarlo Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison & Dan Martin, Kenneth Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock), Beck Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).
Other Prayer Requests:	Peter Bullara (Melissa Brown's son), Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Fred Barkley (friend of the Langer's), Kevin O'Dwyer, Karen & Phil Duhert (friends of Frances Pool & Juanita Bertsch, Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Joshua Zimmerhanel, Albert Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langer's), Gabriel Bullara (Melissa Brown's grandson), Sloan Davidson (friend of the Flora's), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School students studied the life of Samuel today. They learned how God calls His people to repentance through preachers such as Samuel; that He might forgive us for the sake of Christ. Parents might ask, *"How did God use Samuel to speak to His people? How does God use our pastor to speak His Word today?"*



Our last stint for this year will be **November 7 through 12.** Please volunteer if you can!

Midweek Meal Sign-Up Fall 2016

Midweek classes continue this fall on **Wednesdays.** Each week, we provide a light meal for the children and adults in attendance. We're looking for volunteers to help with this task; individuals, families, and groups from the congregation are encouraged to sign up on the sheet outside the office in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Christian education at Grace through this labor of love!



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October 30th, 2016
Reformation Sunday
Old Testament Reading:
Revelation 14:6-7
Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36



The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event at Grace on **October 31**. We're planning to welcome children from **6-8 PM** so please be here for **setup at 5:30 PM**. We'll be parking in the back lot behind the church. ***Please provide only wrapped pieces of candy to give away to the children.*** Be as creative as you like in decorating your trunk, and you're also welcome to dress up in your own costume, if you'd like. This event provides a simple and safe way for parents to take their kids out on

Halloween and gives our congregation an opportunity to be active in our community, interacting with our friends and neighbors who need to hear the good news about Jesus. Thanks to our congregation's wonderful response, we already have 16 families signed up to participate, and there's room for more! We'd love to have everyone come and participate in this event in reaching out to our community!



The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for October 23-29, 2016

Invocation

I In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

Introit (Bulletin, p. 3)

Learn by Heart: *The 3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer and Its Meaning*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10; Matthew 16:13-28

Monday: Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19; Matthew 17:1-13

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 27:1-26; Matthew 17:14-27

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 28:1-22; Matthew 18:1-20

Thursday: Deuteronomy 29:1-29; Matthew 18:21-35

Friday: Deuteronomy 30:1-20; Matthew 19:1-15

Saturday: Deuteronomy 31:1-29; Matthew 19:16-30

Hymn of the Week: "In God, My Faithful God" (LSB 745, Bulletin, p. 9)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the following resources: Bulletin, p. 20-21 ; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; LSB pp.305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's gift of faith

Monday: For the unemployed

Tuesday: For the sick and suffering

Wednesday: For husbands and wives

Thursday: For missionaries

Friday: For those persecuted as Christians

Saturday: For those fallen from the faith

Collect (Bulletin, p. 6)

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

I The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

R Amen.