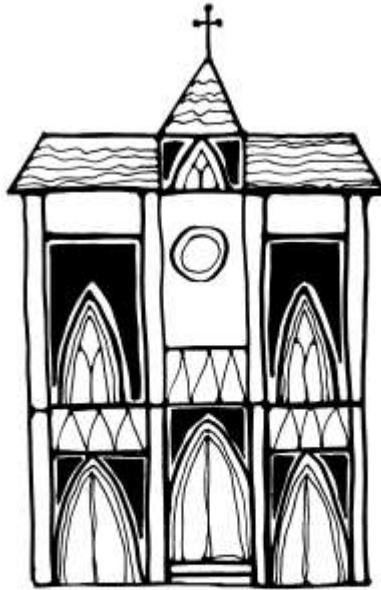


August 26th, 2018
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



LORD · TO · WHOM · SHALL · WE · GO?
YOU · HAVE · THE · WORDS · OF · ETERNAL · LIFE

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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: *The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not “[reject] the commandment of God” in order to establish or hold to “the tradition of men” (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord “with their mouth” and to honor Him “with their lips,” while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is “the Holy One of Israel,” who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, “the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,” but “the deaf shall hear” and “the eyes of the blind shall see” (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He “gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word” (Eph. 5:25–26).*

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

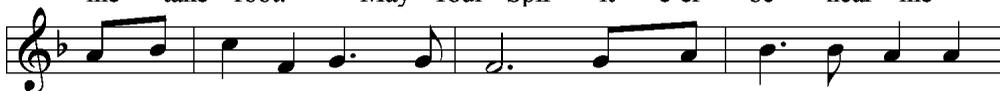
WELCOME



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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.

G 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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. 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 26:8

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
 and the place where your glory dwells.

**Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
 and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
 test my heart and my mind.

**I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,
 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
 and the place where your glory dwells.

Gloria Patri



C **Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;**



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

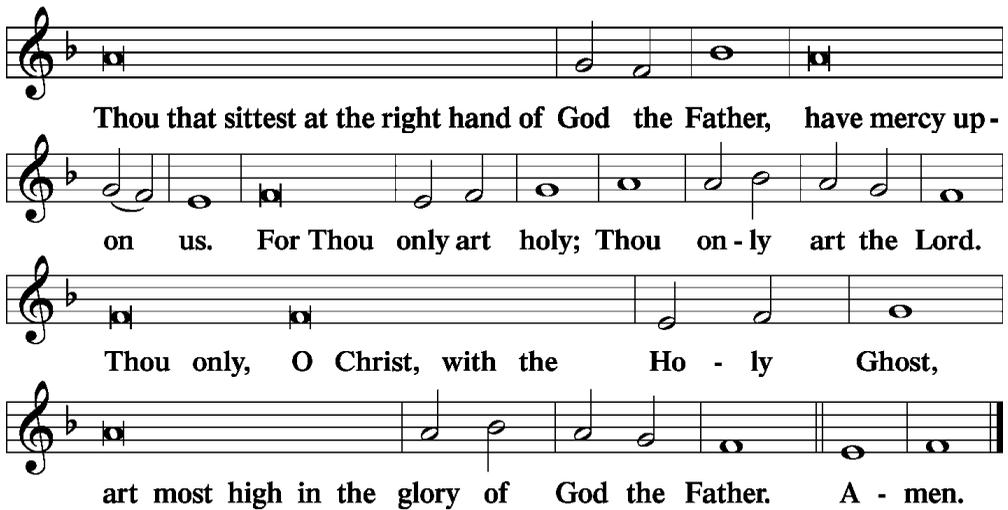
Hymn of Praise: (Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)

Gloria in Excelsis

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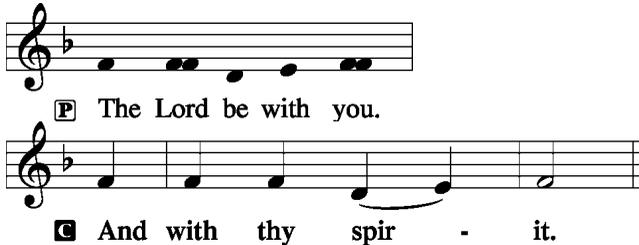


P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



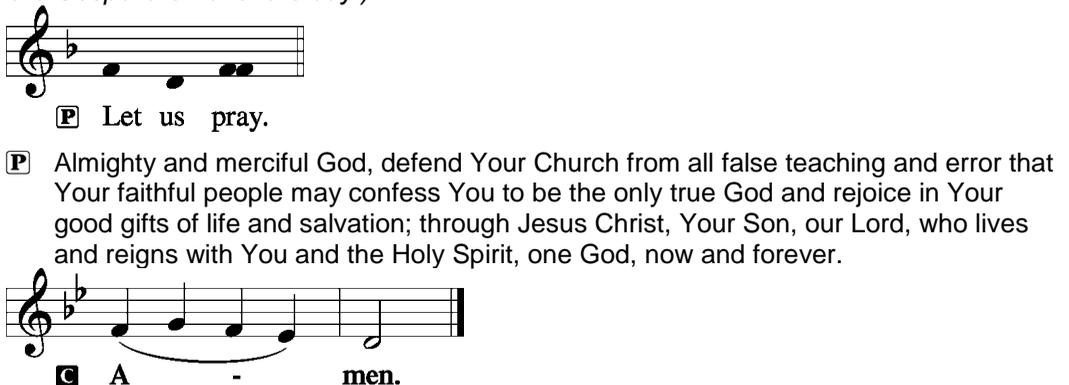
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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



P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.

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.
P Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
G A - men.

Sit

Children's Message

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11-19

A Today's Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the twenty ninth chapter

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

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.*)

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22-33

A Today's Epistle reading is from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,

² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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.)*

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

LSB 865

1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and

chism's — doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -

Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Sermon "Using Tradition to Hold to God's Word"

Mark 7:8

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

Votum

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

Stand

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)* LSB 192

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: *(At peace with God through Jesus, we greet each other in that 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

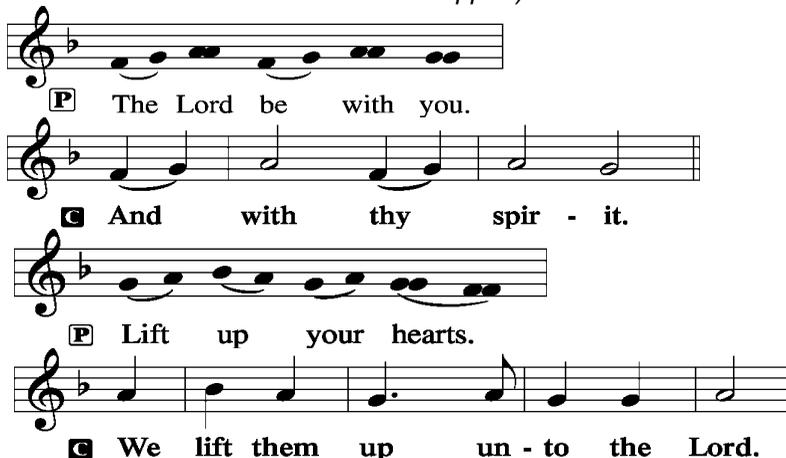
Close of the Prayers

- 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 194



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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 197

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 197



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



G 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 198



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



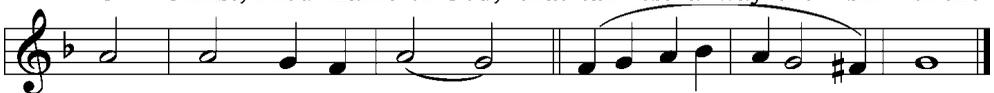
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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.)*

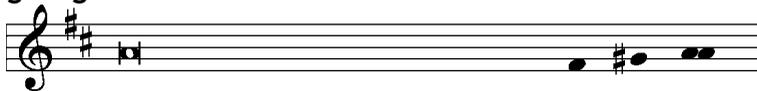
Nunc Dimittis

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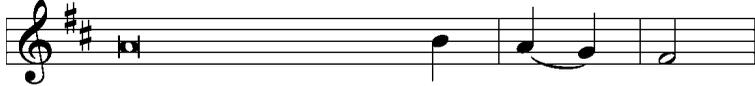
C Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

A 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.

Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



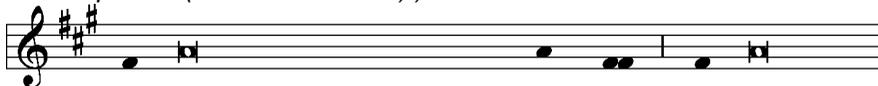
A Bless we the Lord.



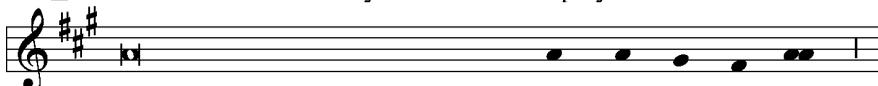
C Thanks be to God.

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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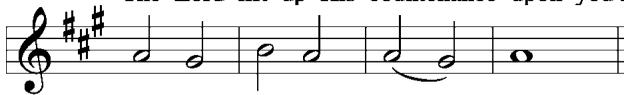
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

LSB 585



1	Lord Je - sus Christ,	with us	a - bide,	For	round us
2	In these last days	of great dis - tress	Grant us, dear		
3	To hope grown dim,	to hearts turned cold	Speak tongues of		
4	May glo - rious truths	that we have heard,	The bright sword		



falls the	e - ven - tide.	O let Your Word,
Lord, true	stead - fast - ness	That we keep pure
fire and	make us bold	To shine Your Word
of Your	might - y Word,	Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light,	Shine forth un - dimmed in - to	the night.
till life is spent	Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.	
of sav - ing grace	In - to each dark and love - less place.	
Your Church be strong,	Bold, u - ni - fied in act	and song.

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| 5 | Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings. | 6 | Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart's defense,
The Church's glorious confidence. |
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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 today were given to the Glory of God by Brenda Sanders in memory of Jim.

August 26th, 2018

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

August Elders: Bert Bunte Organist(s): June Parker
Cliff Burns Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Ushers: Galen Bunte
Vince Kaiser **Aug. Altar** Toni Ann Kadlecek
Trustees: Kerry Becker **Guild:** Sharon Reinberg
Allan Hancock

	Readers:		Acolytes:
Aug. 26	Huntis Dittmar	Aug. 26	David Wolff & Juniper Smith
Sept 2	John Stelling	Sept 2	Thomas Brown & Mackenzie Peres
Sept 9	Debbie Higgins	Sept 9	Joshua Zimmerhanel & Adrian Wolff
Sept 16	BAZAAR	Sept 16	BAZAAR

Sunday Worship (8/19) 133 Sunday School (8/19) 46

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students hear about two miraculous events in "Jesus' Touch Heals." Participants will learn that God gives faith to receive His promises in the Lord's Supper. As you discuss the lesson, you could ask, "How did the woman demonstrate her faith? How does God provide healing for people today?"

FINANCIALS – as of August 19th, 2018

	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Y-T-D
General Offering	7,492.73	3,965.50	2,121.00	141,090.34
2018 Weekly goal	4,232.69	4,232.69	4,232.69	139,678.77
Difference	3,260.04	(267.19)	(2,111.69)	1,411.57
SS Offering	40.00	36.00	32.00	
GLLC Donations	35.00	400.00		

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).

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.

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.

Children's Worship Bags

We are currently missing five of the children's worship bags from the basket in the narthex. If you took one home by mistake, we ask that you bring it back to the church so that other families can make use of it during worship in the coming weeks.



Pictorial Directories

Our congregation's pictorial directories are here! Those members who had their pictures taken have their copy in their church mailboxes. If you did not get your picture taken and would like a copy of the directory, there are twenty extra available from the office on a first come, first served basis.

Midweek Kickoff Party

The Evangelism Committee is hosting the Midweek Fall Kickoff Party on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:00 PM with pizza and ice cream. Meet your teachers for the upcoming year of midweek, and enjoy pizza and ice cream with toppings along with your brothers and sisters here at Grace. We are asking the congregation to once again share their favorite ice cream; toppings will be provided by the evangelism committee. Bring a friend with you, and don't miss this night of fun!

Help with Midweek Meals

Sharon Reinberg will once again be coordinating and cooking midweek meals, beginning September 5. Contributions are needed to assist with the cost; please designate your offering toward midweek meals and bring it to the office during the week or place it in the plate on Sunday morning.

Caring for Towers Residents

The Evangelism Committee was recently made aware of a way that we can show Jesus' love to our neighbors at Towers Nursing Home. By providing a variety of toiletries for the residents there, they will be able to feel just a little more comfortable at home. The Evangelism Committee is asking the congregation to bring various toiletries to be given to the Towers residents. Such items include shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and more. Products that make use of aerosol spray are prohibited, as they are flammable. A box will be placed in the narthex in order to collect these items, and they will be delivered monthly to Towers, which will let us know when such items are no longer needed. Thank you in advance for showing love to our neighbors at Towers!

Midweek Set Up, Serving, and Clean Up

Each week, Sharon Reinberg plans a menu and cooks for midweek. Although she does the bulk of the work, help is still needed each Wednesday for set up, serving, and clean up. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate your willingness to help with this task this year.

2020 Germany Trip Informational Meeting

Have you ever wanted to travel to Germany and see the sites of Luther? Have you ever wanted to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany which has been held since 1634? Pastor Obersat of Ebenezer Lutheran in Manheim and Pastor Jacobs of Grace Lutheran in Brenham are hosting a tour, an 11 – Day *Cradle of the Reformation Germany Tour*, visiting the footsteps of Luther and the Oberammergau Passion Play. The dates for the tour are May 20-30, 2020. Pastor Obersat will hold an informal meeting for those who may be interested in going or are just curious of the tour on Tuesday, September 11th at 7 pm, here at Grace in Smithville.

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Aug. 26</u>	<u>Mon. Aug. 27</u>	<u>Tue. Aug. 28</u>	<u>Wed. Aug. 29</u>
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am-Board of Ed 6:30pm-Youth Group	8am-Braille 5pm-Piecemakers 7pm-Altar Guild Mtg		10am-GLLC Chapel 6pm- Midweek Kickoff
<u>Thur. Aug. 30</u>	<u>Fri. Aug. 31</u>	<u>Sat. Sept. 1</u>	<u>Sun. Sept. 2</u>
11am-Bible Study	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion

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:	Charlene & RC Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), Mildred Karcher , Charlotte Metzler , Alvie Tinberg , Annie Mae Rohde , Evelyn Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), Teresa Slusher , Milly Fritz , Katherine Benedix ,
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace , Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Rosie Williams (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Stephanie Bage (daughter of Juanita Bertsch), Paul Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kimberly Craig), Richard Wilcox (friend of Gene Brown), Becky Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), Paul Prange (friend of the Stellings), Gloria Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins, 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 Geigenmiller), Kelsey Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper)
Recent Health Concerns:	Emmett Stabeno (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Scott Penn , Charlie Noack , Carlton McLain (Angel Hurst's father), Andrew Dittmar , Donna Kadlecek , Brooks Perkins (brother of Stephanie Dittmar), Abigail Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), Kyle Lastovica (friend of Cathy Smith), Charlie Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), Gracie Harmon , Kate Highsmith (Carol Wood's mom), Carolyn Riley (friend of Patti Langer),

	<p>Tamara Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper, Eugene Randle, Lane Hurst, Alice Miller, August Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), Heather Davis, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke’s mother), Jensen Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), Aaron Atsyne (friend of the Deapens), Johnnie Kalina, Johnny Schroeder, Glenn Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), Shirley Thornton (Bianca Kasper’s mother), Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Janelle & Rowe Caldwell (friends of the Dutys), Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock’s sister), Shannon Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), Becky Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), George Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), Kikue Hannusch, Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)</p>
In the Military:	<p>Justin Teague, Aiden Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), Madison Whitney, Weston Roudebush (son-in-law of Walter Psencik)</p>
Other Prayer Requests:	<p>Ramon Wolff, Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Albert Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langers), Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen’s grandmother)</p>

September 2nd, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
 Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20
 Gospel Reading: Mark 7:14-23

Board of Education Question of the Week

Who gathered the tribes of Israel in Shechem and asked them whom they would serve?

Last week answer: Elijah
 Youth: 5 Adults: 11



Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! 3 new freshman joined our family this year and we welcomed back 3 sophomores. Registration remains on-going. Come and visit! Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

Yard Signs Available

Show your support of FLHS by placing a single sided sign in your yard. There is no cost to you to obtain one! Come by and pick one up today!

Spirit Wear

Pre-orders are now being taken for new FLHS spirit wear. T-shirts, dri-fit t-shirts, and polos are now available. Order forms have been provided to each congregation.

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th to 10th grade students on Friday, September 7th from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us!

Join us for Chapel

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:30 am. Chapel this week will be led by Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

Germanfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 27th. Lots of games, activities and food will be available. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you!

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS over the summer - through donations of books, wish list items, monetary donations and so much more. We are so incredibly thankful, and your gifts make a bigger impact than you know! THANK YOU!!

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for August 26th –September 1st, 2018

Invocation

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

☞ Amen.

Learn by Heart: *The 3rd Article of the Creed and Its Meaning*

Daily Readings

Sunday: 1 Kings 8:22-63; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Monday: 1 Kings 9:1-10:13; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Tuesday: 1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-18

Wednesday: 1 Kings 11:42-12:19; 2 Corinthians 7:1-16

Thursday: 1 Kings 12:20-13:34; 2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Friday: 1 Kings 16:29-17:24; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Saturday: 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23

Hymn of the Week: "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" (*LSB* 865)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or *LSB* pp.305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's Word

Monday: For peace and good government

Tuesday: For the addicted and despairing

Wednesday: For those who mourn

Thursday: For fruitful use of the Sacrament

Friday: For the preaching of the cross

Saturday: For our visitors to the Divine Service

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

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

☞ Amen.