June 18th, 2023 Third Sunday after Pentecost



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI ~ SYNOD 308 Byrne Street Smithville, TX 78957 512-237-2108 Divine Service 10 AM

Guest Pastor Richard Mittwede



<u>Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!</u> 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 holy Triune God "shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners," ungodly and at enmity with Him, "Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9–10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children through "that one man Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:12–17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For "all that the LORD has spoken" (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3–4). Nor does He leave us "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority "to heal every disease and every affliction" by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:7).

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

<u>Holy Communion</u> 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.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902 Je 1 Lord Christ, be pres - ent Our hearts _ sus now; in 2 Un seal our lips to sing Your praise In end less 3 Then shall hosts that cry, **"O** ho we join the ly, \wedge 4 All glo the Fa - ther, Son. And Ho ry to ly de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir it send with true hymns through all our days. In crease our faith and High!" Lord Most And in light of ho ly the Three Spir it. in One! To You. 0 bless ed di - vine, light And let Your truth with - in us shine. light our minds; from doubt that blinds. And set us free that blest place We then shall see You face face. to Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e ter - ni - ty!

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.

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

С 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.)

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God P 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,
- Who made heaven and earth.
- 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,
- 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.

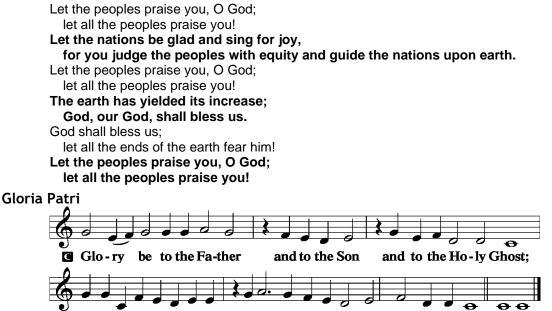
Absolution: (God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)

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.

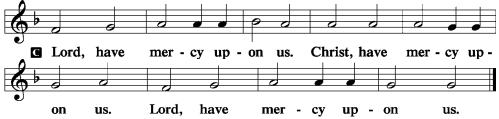
Service of the Word

Introit: (Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.) Psalm 67:4-7



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

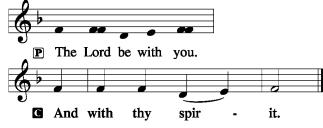
Kyrie: (Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.) LSB 186



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 LSB 187 Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward P 0 O O men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, Ο Ø we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O $\mathbf{\alpha}$ 0 Al - mighty. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther 0 10 O O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O O \mathbf{O} O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. O θ O 0 0 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Θ O Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -6 Ο O For Thou only art holy; Thou on - lv art the Lord. on us. 0 O O O Christ, with the Thou only, Ho lv Ghost, O 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.)



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



Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Scripture Readings: (Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)
Old Testament Reading
Exodus 19:2-8

P Today's Old Testament reading is from Exodus, the nineteenth chapter.

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

PThis 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.)

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading

P Today's Epistle reading is from Romans, the fifth chapter.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

This is the Word of the Lord.Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Holy Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.



³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."



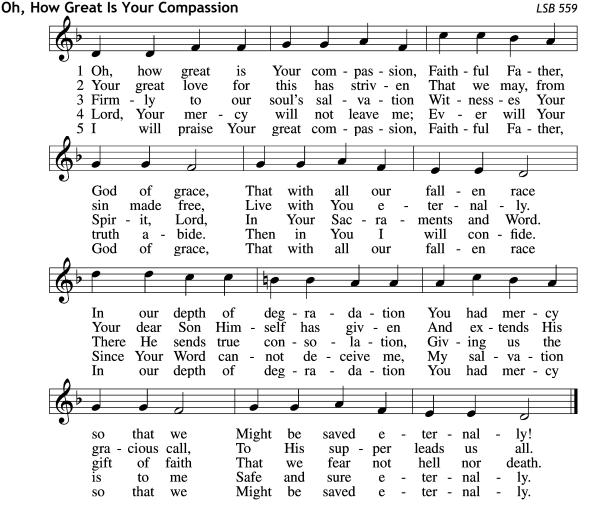
Creed: (God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.) **Nicene Creed**

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.

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.)



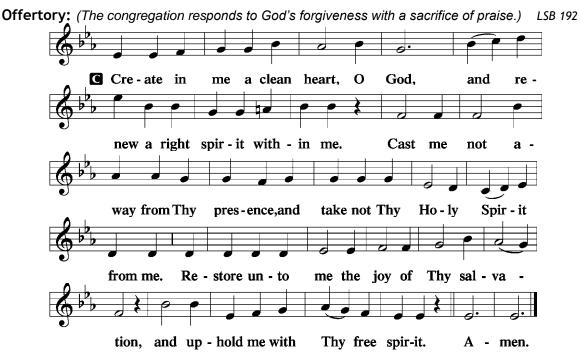
Sermon

(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.
- C Amen.

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

- 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

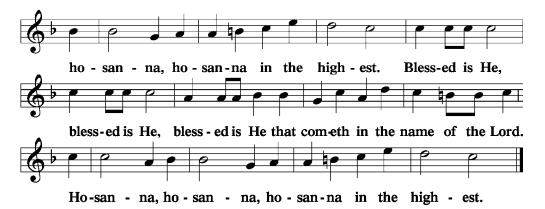
Preface: (The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.) LSB 194



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).)





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:

 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

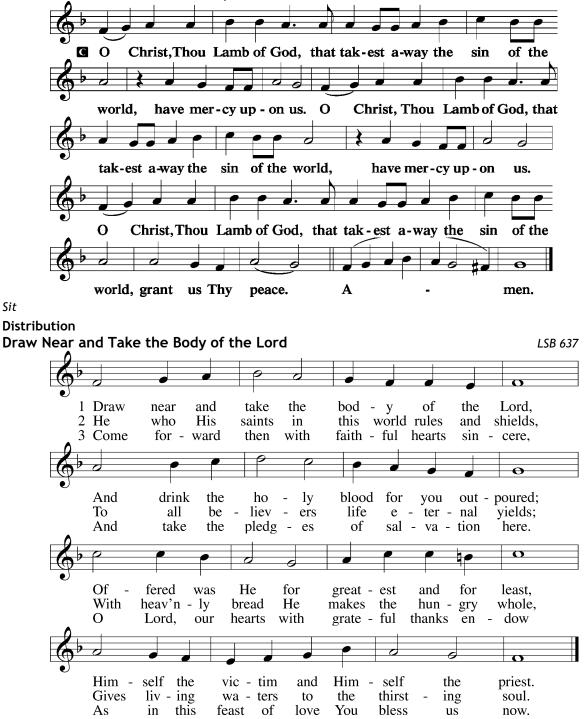
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 H 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



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



Sit

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



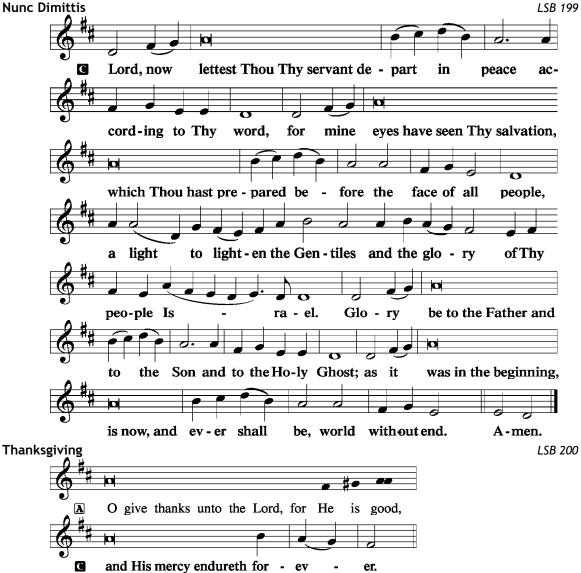
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.)

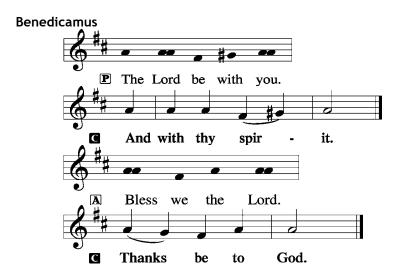


Post-Communion Collect: (We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)

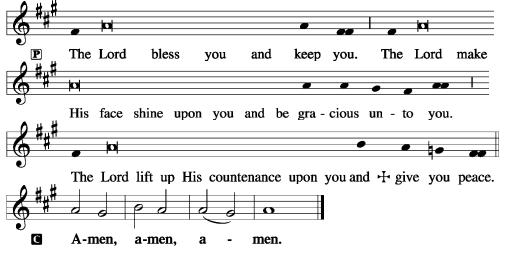
P Let us pray.

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.





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).) LSB 202



LSB 923 might - y Word Which through Your 1 Al -Fa - ther. bless the praise You 2 We for means of As home - ward the grace bless - ings \triangle 3 Praise God, from whom all flow: Praise Him, all heard. Oh. the have may pre cious grace we now Grant. now our steps we trace. Lord, that we who Him crea - tures here be low; Praise _ a bove, ye take Spring a - bun - dant fruit! seed root, and bear up, wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap pear. heav'n - ly Praise Fa - ther, Ho host: Son, and ly Ghost.

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

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Almighty Father, Bless the Word



June 18th , 2023 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 Davey Kadlecek Organist(s): June Parker Jack Page Esther Wolff

	Jack Fage	
Altar	Tammy Campion	
Guild:	Becky Watson	

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sun. June 18	Mon June 19	Tue. June 20	Wed. June 21	
8:45am-Sunday School and Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion	4pm-Quilting 6pm-GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism			
Thurs. June 22	Fri. June 23	Sat. June 24	Sun. June 25	
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON			8:45am-Sunday School & Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion	

Attendance

Sunday Worship (6/11) 83

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the guest pastor for that week. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.

Online Resources

Each week, our congregation live streams the 10:00 AM Sunday morning on our Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/</u>). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. Bulletins and newsletters are also available online at our website, <u>www.glcs.org</u>.

KFUO Bible Study Resources

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Revelation 16-19 on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Samuel 5-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study "Original Sin" and "The Son of God" in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (6/24 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at <u>kfuo.org</u> and the KFUO Radio app!

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

For the month of June, the office hours will be different. I will not be in the office in the mornings but will be here in the afternoons of Tuesday through Friday instead. Please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell (512-595-4440) if you need anything from the office. -Lisa

Smithville Food Pantry Veggie Boxes



A distribution of a free box of veggies will be given out at the Food Pantry in Smithville every other Wednesday at 8:30am. Limited boxes available so arrive early. The next distribution will be on 6/28 and continue to run every other Wednesday through December.

> June 25,[,] 2023 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Pastor: Pastor Austin Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13 Epistle Reading: Romans 6:12-23 Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33



Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year. Remaining camps include: June 26-28 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Wait List Only! July 31 to Aug 1- Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20 - 1 spot remaining in PM! Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at <u>www.flhstx.org</u> for registration information.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants for some summer projects!

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!!

Summer Office Hours

June and July office hours will be 8:30 am to 4:00 pm daily. Please drop by for a visit!