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Welcome: We are delighted to be able to once again worship together in larger groups. We also thank God for those watching our service online. We pray that you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. Please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack these can be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

The Lord's Supper: As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today.

A Little Luther: Today's quote is on the importance of hearing the Word of God. "Look at all the calamities on earth: pestilence, war, famine, or whatever the plague may be. All these are nothing compared with the calamity and wrath that God does not speak with us and does not allow us to hear His Word. However, a further and inexpressibly greater, nay, the final, the eternal calamity, has come when God does speak with us, has His Word extensively preached in our midst, and we hear it but then despise it, become unthankful and surfeited with it.... Then all is over. Therefore we must not only hear it but keep it, stay with it, and allow neither affection nor affliction to force or tear us away from it. Such a person is blessed." WLS 4809

Order of Service

Divine Service: Setting One *LSB 151*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪Opening Hymn: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Stand

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

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.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ **C** **Amen.**

♪ Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast”

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

✪C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

✪C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”... ¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”**

LSB 577

1 **Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n descend And righteous fruits abound.**

- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

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Sermon "Fruitful Words"

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

✪C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

♪ **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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**

LSB 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

✪C Amen.

✪ **Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

✪ **“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

LSB 636

- 1** Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2** Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3** He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ’s true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- 4** Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5** Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:

**Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.**

**6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.**

**7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

**8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love required;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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♪ "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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Stand

♪ Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”

LSB 164

**☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

☞ 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 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.

♪☞ Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

♪☞ Amen.

♪ Closing Hymn “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921

- 1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!**
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.**
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Nancy Endicott, Kortney Rees, Jon Rethwisch, Joy Smith, Debra Broders, Craig Fredrickson, Hartley Heithold, Grayson Hoffman, Deb Jensen, Jennifer Schaefer, Rhonda Sebade, Donovan Doescher & Sarah Surber

ANNIVERSARIES: Don & Nancy Endicott

LUTHERAN HOUR: -- "The Jesus Protocol" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What kind of doctor prescribes a treatment that kills Him while saving the patient? The "Jesus Protocol" is the cure that kills and then makes alive. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

LAST WEEK: Our offerings were \$11,739.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. This allows those watching from home or on the road to see the service practically as it happens. Due to this change, the link to take viewers to the livestream is not available until Sunday morning. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: People need to be rescued from all sorts of predicaments. Today in Sunday School, our children see how "Abraham Rescues Lot" by God's grace and strength. God commands that I respect life. This Bible account is an Old Testament picture of how God rescued all of us from sin's condemnation. In family devotions this week, discuss, "What are some Bible stories that picture God rescuing someone?" Online videos covering the lesson of the week with links to related activities will continue to be posted on the Sunday School Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ssgracewayne) throughout the summer. Be sure to also check out the Free Content Library provided by CPH on their homepage (www.cph.org).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Our small group adult Bible Study on the book of Ezekiel has been continuing to meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday. If you would like to be a part of the class online please contact Pastor Buchhorn.

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ELDER ON DUTY: Doug Heithold (8:00) Chuck Potosnyak (9:15) Scott Hansen (10:30)

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Cheryl Lessmann, Dan, Laura & Abby Mitchell in memory of Merlound Lessmann

FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given today to the honor and glory of our Living Lord Jesus, in memory of Raymond and Louise Larsen. 1 Peter 1:3-4

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Worship/Communion
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
MONDAY	7:30 pm.	Mission Council
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
	7:30 pm.	Jr. High Zoom Meeting
	8:15 pm.	High School Zoom Meeting
THURSDAY	5:15 pm.	Young Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Worship
	10:30 am.	Worship