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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door 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.

A Little Luther: Reflecting on the invitation in the Old Testament lesson (Is. 55) to come receive God's gifts Luther wrote. "We need to be kept diligent in the use of the Word and flee that deadliest of notions that we understand and know it well enough, as many nowadays imagine. But because pious hearts believe that it is God's Word and is divinely inspired by the Holy Ghost, they venerate its majesty and want to be its steady pupils. They do not weary of constantly reading it. So it comes about that they are removed very far indeed from being surfeited with it and are daily filled with new ardor for the Word." WLS ¶ 4801

Our Focus today is on the Gospel lesson (Mt. 14) and the account of the Feeding of the 5000. We are regularly confronted with situations which seem to require more of us than we are able to give. When the disciples faced such a situation, Jesus urged them to bring the little that they had to him. Even our scant supply can become more than enough with His blessing.

Social Distancing: The recent increase in COVID 19 cases throughout the nation remind us of the necessity of continuing to observe practices to reduce possible corona virus transmission. As we get back to our normal worship schedule, we need to be vigilant. Please continue to observe social distancing of six feet between household groups while in the sanctuary. Our "skip a pew" signs have gotten smaller but the need is as great as ever.

Order of Worship
Matins *LSB 219*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringing of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;

He stands forever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav’n rejoices

In Him forever: Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, Triumph o’er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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Stand

Opening Versicles (Matins)

LSB 219

☐ O Lord, open my lips.

♪☐ And my mouth will declare Your praise.

☐ Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

♪☐ make haste to help me, O Lord.

♪☐ 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

C O come, let us sing |to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,
let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a |great God
and a great |king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;
the strength of the hills is |His also.
The sea is His, for He |made it,
and His hand |formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and |bow down,
let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.
For He |is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.
Glory be to the Father and |to the Son
and to the |Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning,
is now, and will be for|ever. Amen.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 9:1–5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

♪Sermon Hymn: “O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

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

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

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Sermon “Bring Them to Me”

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

♪Te Deum Hymn: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:

**“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”**

- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
 You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
 Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.**
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
 We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
 So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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♪Kyrie

LSB 227

☩ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

Collects

- ☩** O Lord, hear my prayer.
☩ And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

In our prayers this week

Our nation and its leaders, particularly those who work in public health and those charged with maintaining order in our communities.

Those who are sick, hospitalized or recovering from injury including Skip Kinslow, and all those suffering from COVID 19.

Our shut-ins

Kaitlyn Janke and Josh Schick as they are united in marriage.

Thanksgiving for rainfall and favorable weather for growing crops.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Sit

♪ **Closing Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.**

- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.**

- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow’r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.**

- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

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Schedule Changes: During August worship services will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. The Saturday Family Communion hour will be discontinued. The 9:15 a.m. worship service will be discontinued and Adult Bible Class will once again be offered in the basement during this time. It is hoped that Sunday School and Midweek classes will be able to resume in mid-August when Wayne Community Schools are back in session. Livestream of worship services will continue to be offered.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: David Doescher, Alice Mrsny, Eleanor Ruwe, Nancy Sutton, Austin Vanhorn, Taylor Stowater, Jim Mitchell, Ryan Bodlak, Janet Casey, Avery Kai, Lindsay Niemann, Joshua Sharer, Shania Anderson, Rick McKeown, Anne Nolte & Jesse Rethwisch

ANNIVERSARIES: Larry & Lorraine Johnson, Dan & Bonnie Hansen, Brian & Jennifer Kesting, Don & Lisa Nelson, Darin & Jessi Jensen and Duane & Kelly Witt

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION: In our era of pandemic precautions it is important that we as a congregation try to keep as accurate a record as possible of those in attendance at our various worship services. If someone who was COVID 19 positive attended a service we would need to be able to contact all those who attended the service to notify them. It is a great help to this end if you register your attendance by completing the attendance registration slip in the pew rack and depositing it in an offering plate as you leave. Thank you for your help.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Over The Darkness, God Hovers" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer -- A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers". It's "Archives August". -- Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

LAST WEEK: Our offerings were 7,984.

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: Sunday School students studied the story of “David and Jonathan” today. God commands that I speak well of others. David and Jonathan reflected the love of God within their hearts. So, too, our love for others is the reflection of God’s love given to us through Christ. Parents could ask, “How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us?” 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).

PASTORAL CARE: During this time of anxiety and uncertainty please don’t hesitate to let your pastors know how we can be of service to you. Whether it is through our private prayers, a word of encouragement or simply someone to talk with. We can be reached via phone at the church 402-375-1905 or cell phone Pastor Buchhorn 979-540-7917 or Pastor Erik 979-204-0752.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Welcome back to Sunday morning Bible class! We will be picking up our study of the book of James. You are invited and encouraged to join us at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement for the study of this practical book describing active faith.

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.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Adults of all ages are invited to join Pastor Erik in the Fellowship Hall right outside of the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 starting August 16th. We will be covering the same lesson materials that our Children's Sunday School classes will be using. The hope is that as a family you can look at and learn about God's great truths throughout the entire Bible and not just have this be something you do on Sunday mornings, but something you discuss and study as a family throughout the entire week. That is why we want to open this class up to all adults, but especially invite the parents of any of our children to attend this class or a Sunday School class every chance they get! Our world is going through so much right now, and we are too as individuals so we need God's word now as much if not more than ever before. Join us, and invite your friends!

CUP OF GRACE MINISTRY: Classes have been scheduled to start at Wayne State College on August 17th! We are working at getting the word out to everyone that we will be starting Sunday Night Dinners on August 16th at 7:30 pm! This is a great time to join together in fellowship with some awesome people while enjoying a free dinner. Even if you do not attend WSC but are still around town while either commuting to another college or taking a break this year but would like to join in the fun you are invited! We will also be discussing the best time for us as a group to schedule a weekly Bible Study. I know last year these were held on Tuesday evenings, but I want to talk with you on the 17th and see if that evening still works, or if we should look at another time. Either way I know that I am very excited to be able to come back together with you all for another great year!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We want to remind you that as Wayne Community Schools are set to open their new Academic year on August 13th that will also be the beginning of our Sunday School and Mid-Week classes! We will kick off Sunday School with a small scale Rally Day that will be the main theme and emphasis for our Church Services on August 16th with Sunday School classes beginning that same day at 9:15AM! We will recognize our 3rd and 6th Grade students by presenting them with a Bible and Small Catechism as in years past on that date, but this will be done at the end of both of our regular Sunday Services where we still will be practicing social distancing. Families can pick up their Bible and Small Catechism after either service and they will be asked to stand at their pew to be recognized during the announcement time following the service they attend.

MID-WEEK CLASSES: Mid-Week classes will also begin on Wednesday August 19th at 6:30PM! This is for all of our 3rd through 8th graders! Please come join us, and if you have not received a letter in the mail one should hopefully be coming, but we have a form that we have asked you to fill out for us so that we can have your updated information such as correct spelling of names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. We will again have the rule that if Wayne Community Schools is able to meet we will be meeting, but if Wayne Community Schools for some reason is not able to meet we will not have classes that week. This could be due to weather or health concerns in our community. Please keep that in mind, but we look forward to being with you again and diving back into God's word starting on August 19th! And for our 7th and 8th graders confirmation families we will have an orientation meeting on August 12th at 6:30PM!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Larry & Lorraine Johnson in honor of their wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
MONDAY	7:30 pm.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:00 pm.	Family Communion
THURSDAY	5:15 pm.	Young Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY		Janke/Schick Wedding
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion