



## Grace Lutheran Church

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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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.

**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.

**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:** Today's quote is from a sermon on the true meaning of a believer bearing the cross. "To speak more clearly of it, you should not take the cross of Christ to mean this or that wood on which Christ hung suspended; but the cross of Christ is the shame and great indignity which Christ innocently suffered. When I lie in bed and am sick, or when a person is put to death by fire, water, or the sword because of his misdeeds, this is not the cross of Christ. But the shame and persecution endured for righteousness' sake is the cross of Christ. This is why true Christians must be dubbed heretics and evildoers. They must be so condemned, despised, and judged by all that everybody wipes his feet on them."  
WLS ¶ 1045

**Order of Worship**  
**Matins *LSB 219***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Ringing of the Bell**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Christ Be My Leader”**

*LSB 861*

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
  
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
  
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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*Stand*

**Opening Versicles (Matins)**

*LSB 219*

- ♪ **P** O Lord, open my lips.  
♪ **C** **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
♪ **P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
♪ **C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
♪ **C** **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

*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Romans 12:9–21*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

#### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give

in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

♪ Sermon Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

*LSB 688*

1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.

2 “I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

3 “My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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Sermon “The Rock vs. the Stumbling Block”

Pastor Erik

*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

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** **And let my cry come to You.**

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 and all those suffering from COVID 19.

Our shut-ins

Jesse & Cassie (Navrkal) Heithold as they begin their wedded life.

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: “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

*LSB 718*

- 1 **Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.**
  
- 2 **If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe To our home we go.**
  
- 3 **When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**
  
- 4 **Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.  
Heav’nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sharolyn Biermann, Lennox Ruwe, Ron Temme. Alan Niemann, Lanora Sorensen, Leanne Westphal, Gene Casey, Dan Junck, Holly Hurlbert, Amelia Stabler, Amanda Stabler, Stephanie Henderson, Courtney Roeber, Mark Heithold & Cole Zach.  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nicholas & Tasha Forsyth, LaVerle & Nancy Johnson, Allan & Betty Wittig, Brian & Kris Fox, Irvin & Paula Haisch, Regg & Cindy Lubberstedt, Ted & Sandy Baack, Bryce & Kaleena Heithold, Ryan & Theresa Lubberstedt, Josh & Jill Lubke and Mike & Marta Victor.

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were \$4,502.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today, we will study God's covenant with Abram in "A Sign and a Promise." God reassures Abram of His promise to bless the earth through Abram's offspring. God changes his name from Abram ("exalted father") to Abraham ("father of many nations") and institutes circumcision as the sign of His continued covenant with Abraham. Despite Abraham and Sarah's advanced age, God promises they will have a son of their own. For those who cannot attend in person, visit [bit.ly/Unit4Lessons](http://bit.ly/Unit4Lessons) to access online family materials for this week's lesson.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Today Pastor Buchhorn will begin a new Bible study series on Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual gifts are the special gifts given to particular Christians for the sake of specific ministries in the Church. Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the basement for this opportunity to grow in our understanding of these gifts and their use.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Jesus in the House" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors-three signs of a spiritually vibrant household.  
Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**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. Check the church's website [www.gracewayne.com](http://www.gracewayne.com) or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

**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.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY FAMILY COMMUNION:** We will continue to offer the Wednesday Family Communion hour through September. Since Midweek classes have begun, the Family Communion time will change to 5:30 p.m. Whether it be due to COVID concerns or because of weekend travels, you are invited to join us for this small group opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper on Wednesday.

**CUP OF GRACE MINISTRY:** Please pray for and welcome our students to Wayne and into our family at Grace! If you see someone you do not know remember you can always offer a kind smile and say hi! **Free Dinners** – Sunday evenings at 7:30pm for **ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS**. We want to see all of our WSC Students at Cup of Grace tonight. If you would like to make a meal for our hungry students contact Pastor Erik!

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Adults of all ages, but especially parents of Sunday School youth, are encouraged to join Pastor Erik for a new Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am! We will kick off another great year, of growing in God's love so come join us!

**MID-WEEK CLASSES:** Mid-Week Classes are going strong for all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Come join in the fun, invite your friends, and remember that if Wayne Community Schools cancel their classes then we too will not hold class that week.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH/PARENT BIBLE CLASS:** Sunday School class start back **This Sunday**, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15am for our High School Youth and Parents! Join us as we dive into a study called How to Study and Understand the Bible! We will learn how and when the Bible was recorded, the principles for interpreting scripture, and how to effectively use Biblical tools to better apply God's word to our everyday life. We will emphasize topics that High School youth are facing in our world today! Contact Jeff and Colleen Simpson or Pastor Erik for more details. P.S. High School Youth... We NEED YOU to Bring Your Parents and invite your friends!!! Refreshments are provided!

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**PASTORS:** Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Troy Stowater (8:00) Lonnie Matthes (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** John Heithold (8:00) Levi Heithold (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Connie Mindrup in memory of her husband, Clarence Mindrup

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

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| <b>TODAY</b>       | 8:00 am.  | Worship          |
|                    | 9:15 am.  | Bible Classes    |
|                    | 9:15 am.  | Sunday School    |
|                    | 10:30 am. | Worship          |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | 7:30 pm.  | Elders           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | 9:00 am.  | Bible Study      |
|                    | 5:30 pm.  | Family Communion |
|                    | 6:30 pm.  | Midweek          |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> | 8:00 am.  | Worship          |
|                    | 9:15 am.  | Bible Classes    |
|                    | 9:15 am.  | Sunday School    |
|                    | 10:30 am. | Worship          |