



## Grace Lutheran Church

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**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 6, 2020**

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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 Gospel lesson from Matthew 18 which speaks of the work of angels and parents. "The dear angels are not so proud as we human beings are. They walk in obedience to God, serve mankind, and take care of little children. How could they perform a more insignificant work than taking care of children day and night?...But the angels do it with joy; for it is well pleasing to God, who has commanded them to do it. .. What are parents doing? What are their works? They are servants of young children. They themselves confess that everything they do is done for the sake of bringing up their children. The dear angels do the same thing. Why, then, should we be ashamed to serve children?" WLS ¶ 65

Order of Worship for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Service of Prayer and Preaching *LSB 260*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LSB 686*

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom’d soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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*Stand*

**Opening Versicles**

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is truth.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- 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.**

♫ **Canticle Hymn “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**

*LSB 940 vs. 1,2,5*

- 1** **Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.**  
**All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav’n above adore Thee.**  
**Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**
- 2** **Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,**  
**Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!**
- 5** **Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;**  
**Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee**  
**And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

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**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the

hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

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

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♪ Sermon Hymn: “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”

*LSB 820*

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no sufferer friendless But rights the wronged at last.
  
- 2 He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.  
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav'n above us, As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.
  
- 3 For as a tender father Has pity on His children here,  
God in His arms will gather All who are His in childlike fear.  
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.

We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.  
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.

- 4 His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove  
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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Sermon "It Will Kill You"

Pastor Buchhorn

♪ Hymn of Response: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *LSB 528 sts. 1–2, 5–6*

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

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Prayer

*LSB 265*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the  
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the Day**

- P** O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Collect for the Word**

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## ♪Closing Hymn: “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

*LSB 698*

1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father’s will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way, With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.

2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow’r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name, The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.

3 Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Karen Schardt, Korrina Niemann, Swede Fredrickson, Darlene Johnson, Emilia Bose, Sarah Hansen, Emily Ramold, Brooks Blohm, Galen Wiser, Maggie Schmoll, Marty Schmoll, Eric Hefti, Rose McKeown & Sandy Nichols

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim & Janice Mitchell, Kurt & Colleen Janke, Ferris & Marjorie Meyer and Eldon & Ellen Heinemann

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were \$5,445.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In today's lesson, "A Laughable Promise," participants study the birth of Isaac. The Lord and two angels appear to Abraham in human form, promising the birth of a son to Abraham and Sarah within the year. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, as the Lord fulfills His promise of generations to come and the promised future Offspring—the Savior, Jesus. 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:** Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Pastor Buchhorn will be leading a class entitled "Concerning Spiritual Gifts." In addition to the gift of faith, God's Word tells us that the Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts to the church for the building up of the body of Christ. This class is designed to help us better understand what the Bible says about these spiritual gifts and their use in the church.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Fireplace Spirituality" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Our relationship with God is not something to "set and forget" like a thermostat. 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.

**CUP OF GRACE MINISTRY:** Welcome WSC Students!! We are excited you have joined us today, and we are praying that you are having a fantastic year in Wayne! To our members at Grace remember that if you see someone you do not know you can always offer a kind smile and say hi! Free Dinners – Will pick back up next Sunday, September 13th, at our usual time of 7:30PM at Cup of Grace! If you would like to make a meal for our hungry students contact Pastor Erik! As well as free dinners of Sunday evenings we are starting a NEW BIBLE STUDY taking place on Thursday evenings at 6PM at Cup of Grace! Our group will be discussing the very important question... Does God Exist?? Come join us in God's word!

**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! We are discussing Isaac's birth this week!

**MID-WEEK CLASSES:** Mid-Week Classes are going strong for all 3rd through 8th 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.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no Wednesday morning Bible Study this week. God willing, the class on Ezekiel will pick up again at 9:00 a.m. on September 16.

**ADULT CHOIR RESUMING:** God willing, on Monday September 14 at 6:15 p.m. adult choir rehearsals will begin for the fall. We will be socially distanced during rehearsal. All voices are welcome.

**CHECK IT OUT:** "Ordinary Women of the Bible" is a new series in our Church Library. "A Mother's Sacrifice-Jachbed's Story" (Moses); "The Healer's Touch-Tikva's Story" (the women with the hemorrhaging problem); "The Ark Builder's Wife-Zarah's Story" (Noah) are ready for checkout now and more titles will become available. These books are in the fiction section because they are written in story form. Yes, you already know these Bible stories but by the way they are written you will hold them dear to your heart. FIC/ORD

## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

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**ELDER ON DUTY:** Chuck Potosnyak (8:00) Keith Knudsen (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Taven Ocampo (8:00) Seth Cross (10:30)

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

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**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** Keith & Karen Knudsen

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>		Church Office Closed
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30 am.	Fishers of Kids Preschool Begins
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	2:00 pm.	Ladies Aid
	5:30 pm.	Family Communion
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion