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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: Today's quote is from a sermon on the Gospel lesson. "So then, the gist of the Gospel is this: No man is so high or may rise so high that he need not fear becoming the lowliest. Conversely, no one has fallen, or may fall, so deeply as to preclude all hope of becoming the highest. For all merits are abolished here, and God's goodness alone is glorified. By saying: 'The first shall be last' Christ takes all presumption away from you and forbids you to exalt yourself above any prostitute, even though you were Abraham, David, Peter, or Paul. But by saying: 'The last shall be first' He guards you against all despair and forbids you to cast yourself under the feet of any saint, even though you were Pilate, Herod, Sodom, and Gomorrah." WLS ¶ 1875.

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.

Order of Worship
Matins *LSB 219*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringing of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “With the Lord Begin Your Task”

LSB 869

- 1 With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.**
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev’ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might, With His presence cheer you.**
- 3 With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.**
- 4 If your task be thus begun With the Savior’s blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev’rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.**
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev’ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day’s endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.**

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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

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”**

LSB 827

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?**
- 2 Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God’s Word so richly yields.**

- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
 Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
 So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—
 Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.
- 4 Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
 When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
 Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
 Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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Sermon “What Is In It For Me?”

Pastor Erik

Stand

♪ Te Deum

LSB 223

C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to | be the Lord.
 All the earth now worships You, the Fa|ther everlasting.
 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the | pow'rs therein.
 To You cherubim and seraphim con|tinually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;
 heaven and earth are full of the majes|ty of Your glory.
 The glorious company of the apostles | praise You.
 The goodly fellowship of the | prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs | praise You.
 The holy Church throughout all the | world does acknowledge You.
 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and | only Son;
 also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, | O Christ;
 You are the everlasting Son | of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to | deliver man,
 You humbled Yourself to be born | of a virgin.
 When You had overcome the |sharpness of death,
 You opened the kingdom of heaven to | all believers.

You sit at the right | hand of God
in the glory | of the Father.
We believe that | You will come
to | be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your |servants,
whom You have redeem|ed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered | with Your saints
in glory | everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your | heritage.
Govern them and lift | them up forever.
Day by day we | magnify You.
And we worship Your name for|ever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with|out sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, | have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust | is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never | be confounded.

♫ Kyrie

LSB 227

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 and all those suffering from COVID 19.

Our shut-ins

Favorable weather for harvesting 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.

Stand

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.

Closing Hymn: "Seek Ye First"

LSB 712

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

**2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!**

**3 Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!**

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Arika Hefti, Ashlyn Trautman, Tamara Schardt, Jared Heithold, Lynal Krueger, Pastor Erik, Colston Starzl, Krista Young, Keith Doescher, Dylan Jensen, Alex Echtenkamp, Teresa Wurdeman, Mandy Vanhorn & Caitlin Schick

ANNIVERSARIES: Jason & Angie Beiermann, Matthew & Elizabeth Sharer, Dan & Teresa Tiedtke and Joey & Lisa Niemann

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$6,891.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week's lesson is "A Servant's Mission." Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham's homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah's family sends her to Isaac with their blessings. For those who cannot attend in person, visit bit.ly/Unit4Lessons to access online family materials for this week's lesson.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Pastor Buchhorn is leading a study entitled "Concerning Spiritual Gifts" in the basement at 9:15 a.m. Today's session takes a closer look at the various gifts mentioned in the New Testament. All are welcome to join us.

ADULT CHOIR: Adult Choir has resumed rehearsals for the fall. The rehearsal does observe social distancing recommendations. The choir meets in the sanctuary on Monday at 6:15 p.m. More singers of all voices are needed and welcome.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Room at the Table"-- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room at His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. New Series "Households of Faith" 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. Check the church's website 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 will meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday.

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 – All College Students are invited to join us at 7:30PM at Cup of Grace every Sunday for a free dinner! For our members who would like to make a meal for our hungry students contact please Pastor Erik and he will get you signed up!

PASTOR ERIK'S ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Adults of all ages, but especially parents of Sunday School youth, are encouraged to join Pastor Erik for a Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Parents and Youth who are in High School are invited to join this Sunday School Class with Jeff and Colleen Simpson. There are refreshments provided each week so make sure you come hungry and invite your friends!

CHECK IT OUT: When Silence Sings” by Sarah Loudin Thomas is a story of a family feud that has gone on for decades. Set in the 1930s Serpta McClean has towered over the coal-filled hills of West Virginia, taking more than her share of legal and illegal trade alike. She is intent on securing the future of the McClean name, despite two unreliable sons and a long-standing feud with the Harpe clan that’s exploded again into violence. Check it out to discover how this could ever be a Christian read. FIC/THO

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION: The LYF is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser for the youth group. Please place the cans you donate in the small shed on the west side of the alley behind the preschool. Please put your cans in tied plastic sacks and **NO BOTTLES! ALUMINUM CANS ONLY, NO OTHER TYPE OF ALUMINUM.** The youth appreciate your effort in helping to raise money and also helping to clean up the environment!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

ACOLYTES: Kadence Rees (8:00) Ty Zach (10:30)

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Dan & Bonnie Hansen

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY

Newsletter Deadline
8:00 am. Worship
9:15 am. Bible Classes
9:15 am. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship
7:30 pm. Sunday Night Dinner

MONDAY

6:15 pm Choir

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am. Bible Study
5:30 pm. Family Communion

6:30 pm. Midweek

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am. Worship/Communion
9:15 am. Bible Classes
9:15 am. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship/Communion
7:30 pm. Sunday Night Dinner