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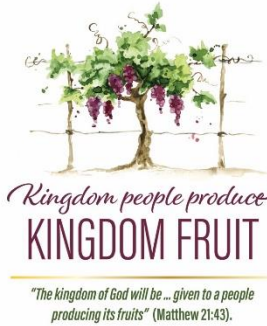
Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in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

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.

A Little Luther: Today's quote reminds us how Christian life develops. "Our salvation does not begin with any work of ours but with the hearing of the Word of Life; for the Law precedes the Gospel in order to humiliate and reveal sin and to teach us that we can do nothing by our own powers...But when we hear the Word, the Holy Spirit is given, who purifies the heart by faith. 'Faith cometh by hearing' (Rom. 10:17). It does, it is true, not come to all who hear, but to those for whom God has intended it; for 'the wind bloweth where it listeth' (John 3:8), not where we list. But when we have received the Holy Spirit through faith, we are immediately justified by this very faith, apart from any work of our own, by the gift of God alone; and we feel peace and a good conscience toward God...After the heart has in this way been justified and set at rest within through faith in the soul, outside activities are at once begun in various ways." WLS ¶ 630

**Order of Worship for
LWML Sunday**



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING TIME

RINGING OF THE BELL

♩ OPENING HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him to answer prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**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!**

**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.**

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.
- 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 fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. 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, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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.

INTROIT

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for steadfast love endures forever!
- P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- C** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

♪HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB 506

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
 Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!
 Glory, glory, While eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
 Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
 Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b–14

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus

my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

P Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁶And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees

heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

♪HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise, Love, Serve"

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: LSB 361)

**Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.**

**In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.**

**Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.**

SERMON "TIME FOR FRUIT"

Stand

PASTOR BUCHHORN .

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Adapted from Evening Prayer, LSB*)

- 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** For the mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world, and to support global missions through the gathering of mites and providing of mission grants, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For...(additional bids for prayer may be added here)...let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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.

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

♪CLOSING HYMN “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: LSB 662

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Glenda Beiermann, Payton Junck, Logan Trautman, Onar Spahr, Abigail Olson, Dennis Dannelly, Ginny Otte, Brandon Sebade, Charles Maier, Carol Robbert, Arlyss Temme, Teresa Klug & Josie Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry & Mary Janke, Brian & Lynsey Hass, Josh & Melissa Pickinpaugh, Lowell & Karen Schardt, Ron & Arlyss Temme

WE WELCOME: into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Regan Louise Hefti, daughter of Travis & Stephanie (Bjorklund) Hefti. Regan was born March 27, 2020 and baptized October 3, 2020. Her sponsors are Shawna & Nick Lempke and Tara Bjorklund. May God bless and keep this growing family.

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$15,850.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study Jacob's family in "A Family Grows." Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban's household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel's hand for another seven years of service. 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: Today we will continue our study "Concerning Spiritual Gifts" as we continue to learn about the various gifts mentioned in the New Testament. The class meets at 9:15 a.m. in the basement.

WITH SYMPATHY: It has pleased almighty God to summon from this life the soul of our sister in Christ, Phyllis Nolte who died Friday, September 25. Due to COVID-19 concerns a private service for Phyllis took place on Tuesday, September 29. May God bring comfort to Phyllis's family and all who mourn.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Unscaled Heights of Empathy" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ-it's all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, this week. 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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Join us on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. as Pastor Buchhorn leads a study on the Book of Esther, a woman who was used mightily by God in a time of national upheaval.

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!

MISSION COUNCIL ITEMS: The annual Voters' Meeting for this year has been scheduled for November 15. With that in mind, the Mission Council will be working to prepare a proposed 2021 congregation budget. If you have input relating to the budget please talk to congregation chairman Jerry Echtenkamp or treasurer Deb Jensen by Wednesday, Oct. 7. We will also be electing officers at the meeting and the nomination process is underway. If you would like to be considered for an office or would like to suggest someone please contact vice-Chairman Chad Janke as soon as possible. We will be electing a chairman, vice-chairman, two elders and two Mission Council members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE: For the month of October the Sunday School will be asking for donations of packages of new socks for either boys and/or girls (ages 2-7 and/or 8-12). If you are interested in assisting with this activity, the Sunday School will be collecting any donations in the marked bin by the Sunday School office, in the basement. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT (7TH AND 8TH GRADE) The students in the upper division class have a Sunday School lesson book entitled “Defend Journal”. Each lesson gives an overview of the Bible narrative and discusses how Jesus fits into the lesson. The Bible is not just some out-of-date, ancient book that we use in church. It is the true Word of God and tells the narrative of God’s work of salvation. From Genesis to Revelation, it is a book that tells us who we are and where we came from, tells what God has revealed to us about who He is, and tells the story of what God has done for us. As the students learn more about HIStory as recorded in the Bible, it is our prayer that they will become more confident in defending their faith when it is at odds against the teachings of the secular culture. It is my privilege to teach these young people. Please keep our Sunday School program in your prayers throughout the year. May God bless each of you.
 Carlene Bodlak



THIS YEAR’S LWML SUNDAY THEME is “Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit,” based on Matthew 21:43: Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. In Matthew 21:33-46, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God will be taken from the religious leaders of the day and be given to people producing its fruits. By God’s grace in Christ, we are blessed to be people in the kingdom of God. He graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. Because of your donations to mites, we can share the Gospel and bring others to Christ. Thank you for your support of LWML, enabling us to produce fruit for God’s kingdom.

STAND UP & PRAY		STAND UP & PRAY
	<p><u>NATIONAL</u> <u>LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY</u> SUN., OCTOBER 4TH, 2020 2:30PM-3:30PM - ONE HOUR OF PRAYER PICK UP SIGNS AT 2:20PM – 7TH & MAIN STREETS WAYNE, NEBRASKA JOIN US IN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STAND UP AND PRAY FOR THE UNBORN YOUR PRESENCE IS NEEDED!</p>	

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

ACOLYTES: Rachel Holland (8:00) Reese Rethwisch (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Fauneil Bennett in memory of Evan Bennett

FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God in memory of Phyllis Nolte from her family.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	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
	7:30 pm.	Elders
TUESDAY	9:30 am.	Circuit Pastors Conference
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:30 pm.	Family Communion
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	6:30 pm.	Sunday School Meeting
	7:30 pm.	Budget Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	2:00 pm.	Circuit Forum @ Grace
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner