



## Grace Lutheran Church

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**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 11, 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.

**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.

**The Lord's Supper:** As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today

**A Little Luther:** The invitation to the wedding feast in the Gospel lesson reminds us of our need for the Holy Spirit to be at work in us. Luther beautifully articulated this in the explanation to the third article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism. "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true."

**Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One LSB 151**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringing of the Bell**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

*LSB 803*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**
  
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**
  
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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*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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all 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

*Is. 61:10; antiphon: Ps. 146:2*

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**P** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

**C** my soul shall exult in my God,

**P** for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

**C** he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

**P** as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

**C** and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**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.

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

♪ **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy.

♪ **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** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪**C** Amen.

♪ Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast”

*LSB 155*

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 25:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for

him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## *Stand*

### ♪ Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 22:1–14*

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

### ♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’

<sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while

the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

**♪C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**♪**Sermon Hymn: “Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

*LSB 435*

**1** Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

- 2    **Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**
- 3    **Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.**
- 4    **They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

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**Sermon “Ready to Party”**

**Pastor Erik**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Preface**

*LSB 160*

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And also with you.**

♪**P** Lift up your hearts.

♪**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

♪**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

LSB 162

**Pax Domini**

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ♪ **C** Amen.



- ☐** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Communion Distribution**

- *The sacrament will be served from the floor of the nave in a continuous stream.*
- *Please notify the pastor or elder if you would prefer to receive communion at your pew. Those with mobility issues will be communed at their pew at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.*
- *Communicants are asked to approach the altar using the side aisles and to maintain social distancing between household groups. Please return to your pew via the center aisle.*
- *Communicants will be invited to pick up their cup from the individual cup tray. Baskets to receive used cups are available at the head of the center aisle.*

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns**

♪ “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

- 1** Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2** Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3** Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4** Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways

**Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.**

- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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**♪ “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

*LSB 636*

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor, There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev’rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.**
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ’s true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.**
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ’s own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!**
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.**
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:**

**At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.**

**7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

**8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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*Stand*

**♪ Post-Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord" LSB 164**

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**☐** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☐ Amen.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**☐** 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.

**♪☐ Amen.**

♪“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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## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Kaleb Anderson, Flint Broders, Henry Greve, Bryce Heithold, Ryker Heithold, Chloe Kai, Jennifer Kesting, Ray Junck, Glen Nichols, Casey Brentlinger, Matt Roeber, Angie Biermann, Kathleen Frevert, Lavon Biermann & Abigail Mitchell  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mark & Kristine Niemann

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were \$5,863.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises," students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine. 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:** As continue our study entitled "Concerning Spiritual Gifts," today we focus on seeking to determine the gifts which we have. Join us in the basement at 9:15 a.m.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** "What I'm Looking For" --Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler "We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. We're always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I'm looking for." Dr. Michael Zeigler 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](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.

**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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE:** For the month of October, in reference to our service project, 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!

**GIVE THE LIFE OF LIFE:** LifeServe Blood Bank will be at Grace on October 13, 2020, from 1:30 to 6:30 pm. Appointments are needed. Call 800-287-4903 to set up your appointment today.

**WITH SYMPATHY:** We express our Christian sympathy to the family of former member of Grace, Derold Johnson who died Oct. 1, 2020. Graveside services for Mr. Johnson were conducted on Oct. 5 at Greenwood Cemetery. Our sympathy also to the family of former member of Grace, Mark Allan Cunningham who died Feb. 28. Mark was the son of Lemoyne and Lucille Cunningham. A graveside committal service will be held Saturday, Oct 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** On Sunday, November 1 we will observe All Saints Day. In the church this day is a day to remember those made holy through faith in our Lord and who have entered their heavenly rest. As a part of that observation we will be reading the names of loved ones who have died in the faith since the last All Saints Day. Those who died as members of Grace will automatically be included but if you have another family member or loved one who died during the last year that you would like included in this time of remembrance please contact the church office. May God continue to bless all who mourn with the comfort of our hope in Christ.

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

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

**ACOLYTES:** Mandy Vanhorn (8:00) Brodrick Tiedtke (10:30)

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

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** In memory of Leon Meyer from Melvy and sons;

Tim, Larry & families

## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>TODAY</b>	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
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:15 pm.	Choir
	7:30 pm.	Mission Council
<b>TUESDAY</b>	1:30 pm.	Blood Bank
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	2:00 pm.	Ladies Aid
	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
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

**Re:Vitality** Prior to the disruptions that have come into the life of our community and congregation as a result of the COVID 19 virus, the Board of Elders and pastors made a plan to take part in a program offered by our Synod entitled re:Vitality. While the name looks like a typo it is actually an intentional shortened version of the expression “regarding vitality.” It is an opportunity for a congregation to do a self-assessment to identify areas where the congregation is functioning well and also to identify potential growth areas. It is our prayerful hope that with God's blessing we as a congregation and as individuals will be revitalized for the work that lays ahead of us.

The first step in the re:Vitality process is to submit honest feedback about our congregation from everyone involved. I want to encourage every adult (18 years and older) to fill out this simple online questionnaire. This survey will be available from October 11 - November 1. (A paper version of the survey and instructions for submitting it will be available at the church beginning Oct 11.) To complete the survey online simply click this link in the electronic version of the bulletin when you are ready to begin: <http://lcms.cadds.sgizmo.com/s3/?cong=C957297>

We need to hear from everyone, individually. That means husbands and wives should both fill out a questionnaire separately. We want to hear from you whether you've been a member here your whole life, or you're brand new to Christianity; whether you're a member, frequent attendee, or occasional visitor, we want to hear from you.

Your responses are completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and we will not see individual responses. It is important to be honest in your feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation.

We realize that given the recent challenges the pandemic has caused may make it difficult to complete parts of the survey, but it was felt that taking part in the program at this time allows us to establish ministry priorities as we look to rebuild our programming and educational efforts for the post-COVID world.

Help us find the answer to, “Where are we...really?” Thank you for submitting your responses by November 1.

