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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: In the time leading up to the Reformation there was much confusion between the authority of the church and the state. It is not surprising that Luther had much to say about the government. In reflection on the words of Jesus "Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's" Luther writes: "God distinguishes that which is yours from that of your own which you are to give to the government. For governments have not been instituted for the purpose of turning people into mere beggars and seeing to it that no one keeps anything. Taxes, revenues, or imposts are given to the government that the subjects may retain their own, seek a livelihood, and honorably support themselves and those who are theirs. But when the need arises and one is called upon to do something for the maintenance of the common peace against enemies, no one should spare himself; but everyone should step to the side of government with body and possessions and help it. But, aside from this common need, government should not rule in a tyrannical manner, should not impose too many burdens on its subjects, but should be satisfied with ordinary and tolerable imposts. Otherwise it takes what is not its own and arouses the wrath of God, who has a way of punishing tyrants by revolts, foreign enemies, and other methods." WLS

¶ 1813

Order of Worship
Service of Prayer and Preaching *LSB 261*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”** *LSB 782*

1 **Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.**
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise. *Refrain*

ref **Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,**
Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.

2 **By Your Word You formed creation Filled with creatures large and small;**
As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all. *Refrain*

3 **In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends;**
May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*

Stand

Δ4 **Heav’ny Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace;**
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! *Refrain*

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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.

♪ Hymn: “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

LSB 554 sts. 1, 3, 5

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

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Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (10:30 a.m.) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" arrg. Larson

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

♪ Sermon Hymn: “We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels’ work below.
- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate’er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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Sermon “Give to God what is God’s”

Pastor Buchhorn

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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, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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: “On Eagles' Wings”

LSB 727

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”

ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Kristin Echtenkamp, Cindy Evans, Paula Haisch, Derek Jareske, Caroline Endicott, Conner Hansen, Lisa Nelson, Yvonne Greenwald, Todd Beiermann, Mary Daum, Lora Heithold, Carol Wilke, Irvin Haisch, LaVerle Johnson, Valerie Knight, Brady Henderson, Judy Kruger, Connor Fox, Kalie Sprouls, Kris Stewart & Levi Trautman

ANNIVERSARIES: Lonnie & Pam Matthes and Brad & Kris Stewart

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$5,853.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: As we gather today, we will study "A Family Reunites," as God helps Joseph forgive. Joseph's siblings journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph's early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob's family to Egypt, promising to care for them. 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: As we conclude our study "Concerning Spiritual Gifts" we look at the fruits of the Spirit. Join us at 9:15 in the church basement.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "No Boasting, Just Belonging" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- "The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance." 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 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!

THANK YOU: The LWML groups of Grace Lutheran would like to thank the congregation for the generous Mite Box offering. A total of \$275 was collected. Your generosity will help missions around the world.

REFORMATION DAY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH: To remember and reinforce the lasting impact of the Lutheran Reformation, this year the Sunday School would like to celebrate Reformation Day, October 31st, by passing out some educational materials, along with a small treat, to the doorstep/porch of the Sunday School families in our congregation. As such, if you have a child, or children, in Sunday School, and you would like to be included in this activity, please make sure that the church office has updated information in reference to your current address, before October 28th. On the other hand, if you would not like to be included in this activity, please let Derek Jareske know (by email: dejare01@gmail.com or by phone/text: 1-(402)-369-1555), before October 28th. This activity will be taking place in the early afternoon on October 31st, so if you do plan on having your family participate, please be aware of these items. As always, thank you, in advance, for your help, and please continue to look for updated information in either a future bulletin or on our Facebook page.

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.

THE LWML FALL RALLY scheduled for October 20th in Winside has been cancelled.

CHECK IT OUT: “Amish Hawaiian Adventures” written by Wanda E. and Jean Brunstetter includes two novels: The Hawaiian Quilt and The Hawaiian Discovery. Because they have not yet joined the church, Mandy and Ellen take a trip of a lifetime to Hawaii. Will the discoveries these Amish girls make forever change the direction of their lives? A nice twist to the Amish setting. FIC /BRU

Nebraska author, Mary Connelly, once again delights the reader with a new book “Aiming For Love”. Three sister live secluded in southern Colorado’s wilderness in 1873. The only thing they know about the outside world is what their grandfather told them before he died. When cattle ranchers bring their herds of cattle to the girls’ mountain area the girls are terrified and curious. FIC/CON

“Miles From Where We Started” by Cynthia Ruchti is a story about Mallory and Connor Duncan who already have accepted the fact that their marriage will probably end but when a last-minute crisis lands them on a three-thousand mile road trip together along with a boy in foster-care, is it possible they will find a new beginning at the end of the road? FIC/RUC

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: In memory of Robert & Shirley Bergt

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		Fall Pastors Conference
	6:15 pm.	Choir
TUESDAY		Fall Pastors Conference
	2:00 pm.	Duo Club
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:30 pm.	Family Communion
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	1:30 pm.	Sewing
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

Re:Vitality Congregation Survey: Over the next several weeks you have the opportunity to help set the direction for our congregation's future as our congregation will be taking part in the synod's re:Vitality program. The first step in the re:Vitality process is to submit honest feedback about our congregation from everyone involved. Every adult (18 years and older) is encouraged to fill out a simple online questionnaire. This survey will be available until November 1. (For those not desiring to complete the survey online a paper version of the survey is available in a bin on the hymnal table near each door of the sanctuary. Completed surveys can be returned in the special envelope by the box or returned to the church office.) To complete the survey online simply click this link in the electronic version of the newsletter 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.

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LUTHERAN REVITALIZATION