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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 is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

A Little Luther: Today's quote comes from the Smalcald Articles composed by Luther in 1537. "The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, 'was put to death for our trespasses and raised again for our justification' (Rom. 4:25). He alone is 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world' (Isa. 53:6). Moreover, 'all have sinned,' and 'they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, by his blood' (Rom. 3:23-25). Inasmuch as this must be believed and cannot be obtained or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that such faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says in Romans 3, 'For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law' (Rom. 3:28), and again, 'that he [God] himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus' (Rom. 3:26)." Smalcald Articles Part II, Art. 1.

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One LSB 151

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578 sts. 1, 3, 5–6

**1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

Stand

**Δ6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

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Ⓟ In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓢ Amen.

Ⓟ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Ⓢ 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

Ps. 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C **let the humble hear and be glad.**

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

C **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

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 speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C **and shall not be put to shame.**

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 and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

♪ **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed: The Explanation of the Second Article

☐ I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

♪Sermon Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world’s prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He’s by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict’ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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♪ Hymn of Response “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

♪**Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

- C** 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

♪ “By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566

- 1** By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2** By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3** By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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♪ **“Salvation unto Us Has Come”**

LSB 555

1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

2 What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

- 3 It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

Stand

♪ **Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”**

LSB 164

- C** 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

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.

♪ **Closing Hymn: “God's Word Is Our Great Heritage”** LSB 582 (*Sung to tune Ein Feste Burg*
656)

- 1** God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Michelle Meyer, Janet Claussen, Katelyn Vanhorn, FayeMarie Wheeler, Tanya Brogren, Carter Junck, Grayson Wheeler, Brandon Kai, Emily Matthes, Tim Hansen & Kyle Miller

ANNIVERSARIES: Kurt & Deb Daum

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$4,175.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "A Basket of Hope" is today's lesson in which participants explore the birth of Moses. Three hundred years after the death of Joseph, Egypt's new pharaoh despises the Hebrews. Pharaoh demands greater work output from the Hebrew slaves while seeking to reduce their population through infanticide. Moses' mother manages to hide baby Moses until he is three months old, when she finally sets him afloat in a basket. Discovered by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses enters a life of privilege. 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 will be beginning a new study on the Lutheran Difference concerning the End Times. It doesn't take long to see a variety of teachings in the Christian Church concerning the End Times. As we move into the last part of the church year it seemed a good opportunity to review what Lutherans teach concerning death, the Millennium, Judgement Day and other topics. The class meets in the basement at 9:15 a.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Some People Never change?" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- Some people never change. Most people do. With God, all people can. 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!

REFORMATION DAY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH: To celebrate the lasting impact of the Lutheran Reformation, this year the Sunday School would like to remember Reformation Day 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 any children enrolled in Sunday School, and you would like to be included, please make sure to provide your current address to the church office before October 28th. On the other hand, if you would not like to be included in this activity, please inform Derek Jareske (by email: dejare01@gmail.com or by phone/text: 1-(402)-369-1555) before October 28th. This activity will be taking place between 10AM and 1PM on October 31st, so if you plan on having your family participate, please be aware that we might knock on your door to alert you to the presence of your items. As always, please continue to refer to our Facebook page for updates, and we thank you for your consideration.

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 by Tuesday, Oct. 27th. May God continue to bless all who mourn with the comfort of our hope in Christ.

WITH SYMPATHY we remember the passing of our brother, Dave “Bones” Swanson. Dave passed away on October 16, 2020. Christian burial was held Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Clara Heinemann in memory of Harris Heinemann

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	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
MONDAY	6:15 pm.	Choir
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:30 pm.	Family Communion
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
SATURDAY		Goldsmith/DeBuhr Wedding
NEXT SUNDAY	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 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