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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.

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.

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: As we approach our national day of Thanksgiving, the explanation to the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer from the Catechism is a good reminder of reasons to be thankful. "God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

**Order of Worship
Matins LSB 219**

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringing of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing”

LSB 691

- 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.**
- 2 Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.**
- 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.**
- 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven’s love and joy and peace.**

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Stand

Opening Versicles (Matins)

LSB 219

- ♪P** O Lord, open my lips.
♪C **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**
♪P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
♪C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
♪C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.
♪P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
♪C **O come, let us worship Him.**

C O come, let us sing |to the Lord,
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.
 Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,
 let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.
 For the Lord is a |great God
 and a great |king above all gods.
 The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;
 the strength of the hills is |His also.
 The sea is His, for He |made it,
 and His hand |formed the dry land.
 O come, let us worship and |bow down,
 let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.
 For He |is our God,
 and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.
 Glory be to the Father and |to the Son
 and to the |Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the be|ginning,
 is now, and will be for|ever. Amen.

♪ **P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

♪ **C** O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that

day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of

your master.’²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?’²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “Take My Life and Let It Be”**

LSB 784

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.**
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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Stand

♪Te Deum Hymn: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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♪Kyrie

LSB 227

© Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪**C** Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

♪**C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

♪**C** Amen.

Sit

♪ Closing Hymn: “O Blessed Spring”

LSB 595

- 1 O blessed spring, where Word and sign Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be A branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must, We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing And trust the promise of the spring.
- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Seth Cross, Megan Anderson, Delores Rebensdorf, Rebecca Anderson, Kyle Brogren, Taylor Nelson and Ryan Allemann

ANNIVERSARIES: Ray & Theresa Jensen and Pastor & Kathryn Buchhorn

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$9,358.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: Our annual voters' meeting is scheduled for **today, Nov. 15**. Significant items of business include the election of officers and consideration of the 2021 budget. A light luncheon will be served following the 10:30 a.m. service and the meeting should begin at noon. All communicant members 18 or over are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend. All those in attendance are asked to sign in.

PASTORAL CARE: During this time of anxiety and uncertainty please don't hesitate to let your pastors know how we can be of service to you. Whether it is through our private prayers, a word of encouragement or simply someone to talk with. We can be reached via phone at the church 402-375-1905 or cell phone Pastor Buchhorn 979-540-7917 or Pastor Erik 979-204-0752.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day. 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: Our study on the End Times will continue today by looking more closely at what the Bible teaches concerning the Millennium. Join us at 9:15 in the church basement as Pastor Buchhorn leads this study on a Lutheran understanding of the reign of Christ in the present age.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Politics in Perspective" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. 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: We have begun a new overview of the book of **Revelation**. This message of comfort for the church in the midst of a turbulent world promises blessing to those who take it to heart. "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it." Rev. 1:3 The class meets in the large meeting room upstairs at 9:00 a.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP will be held Wednesday, November 25th at 6:15 pm. "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name." ~ Psalm 100:4

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 November, in reference to our service project, the Sunday School will be asking for donations of a plastic or rubber ball (a tennis ball would also be acceptable). 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!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: The annual Salvation Army bell ringing campaign which raises funds to assist families in our community is starting soon. Our congregation has been asked to provide ringers for four hours on Friday, November 27 from 4-8 p.m. at Quality Foods. If you would like to help out please sign up on the list on the bulletin board by the southeast double glass doors.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: Thank you to the Altar Guild for assembling our thanksgiving display for the gathering of non-perishable food items for the Wayne Food Pantry. Any healthy, filling, non-perishable foods are welcome. There is also a need for diapers and other paper goods and health/beauty aids. Here is a list of possible items: boxed meals (Hamburger Helper), canned meat (tuna, chicken), peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, pasta & sauce, canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, cereals & oatmeal, flour & sugar, diapers (all sizes), toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) You can bring your items for donation any time before Thanksgiving and leave them as a part of the display.

YOUTH HOLIDAY HAM SALE: The Jr and Sr. High Youth Group are selling Holiday Hams to raise money for our upcoming trip to Houston, TX for the National Youth Gathering and we would love your support!! The trip will be in July of 2022 but we are in need of fundraising now to make it all the way to the Gathering. The spiral cut hams weigh about 8 to 10 pounds each and are for sale at the awesome price of \$30! The sale will last until December 9th and hams will be available to pick up on December 17th. If you would like to order a Holiday Ham you can call the church office or speak to a youth today. We truly appreciate all of your support, love and encouragement. God bless!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTORS: Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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Pastor Erik Christensen, Associate Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

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

ACOLYTES: Rachel Holland (8:00) Payton Junck (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Ray & Theresa Jensen in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Classes
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	11:30 am.	Voters'
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY	6:15 pm.	Choir
TUESDAY	2:00 pm.	Duo Club
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	5:00 pm.	College Bible Study
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
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

POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in adorning the chancel for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia, please complete the following and return it with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than December 3rd.

Name of Donor: _____

In memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

The cost is \$6.50 per poinsettia. Please make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Altar Guild."

*You may pick up your plant after the Christmas Day Service.
(Poinsettias not picked up will be disposed of.)*



Thank you!

