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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. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it in the offering plates also.*

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.

Lectionary Summary: The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "*the word of the LORD came to him*" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "*believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness*" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "*descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore*" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "*to give you the kingdom*" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "*do not be anxious about your life,*" but instead "*seek his kingdom*" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "*Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming*" (Luke 12:35, 40).

**Order of Worship
Matins LSB 219**

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringling of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

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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.

♫Venite

LSB 220

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.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of

promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”**

LSB 666

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow’r.
And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o’er God’s saints Lasts but a little hour.**
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.**
- 3 As true as God’s own Word is true, Not earth nor hell’s satanic crew
Against us shall prevail.
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God— Our vict’ry cannot fail.**
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.**

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Sermon “Have No Fear”

Pastor Buchhorn

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

C 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.

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

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 & Benediction

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

♪C Thanks be to God.

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: “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

LSB 735

- 1** Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2** Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3** Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4** Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Shania Anderson, Rick McKeown, Jesse Rethwisch, Zeppelin Blohm, Mandy Olson, Jamie Janke, Lucas Woodward, Deb Daum, Iris Bodlak, RaDelle Erxleben, Nick Junck & Katlin Potter

ANNIVERSARIES: Darin & Jessi Jensen, Duane & Kelly Witt, Virgil & Lila Loewe, Aaron & Kim Ocampo, Kent & Carol Wilke, Randy & Sarah Surber and Adam & Ashley Hoffman

LAST SUNDAY our offerings were \$4,761.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we continue our study of the book of Romans with an overview of chapter 9 as it speaks of our adoption as children of God. Join us at 9:15 in the church basement.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We continue our study of First Kings and the slide of the divided nation of Israel into idolatry. That history offers insight into our own challenging times. The class meets Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the upstairs large meeting room.

NO FAMILY COMMUNION: There will be no Family Communion Service on Saturday August 13 due to a wedding that afternoon. These smaller and more informal communion services will resume on Saturday, August 20 at 4 p.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Everything Is So Expensive" -- Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann -- Everything is so expensive-but do we really need everything? Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week's Sunday School lesson, "The Spirit Produces Good Works: A Widow's Offering," the Holy Spirit helped a poor widow give a rich offering. Parents could ask, "How does the Holy Spirit help you do good works too?"

LIFESERVE BLOOD BANK will be at Grace on August 9, 2022, from 1 to 6 pm. Your blood donation could help save a life! Call 800-287-4903 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required.

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: The schedule for our Sunday Night Dinners down at Cup of Grace has been posted to the church door. If you would like to donate time, money, or be a visible presence for our College Students by joining us on Sunday evenings please look that schedule over. We truly appreciate all that you do for our students and hope you have a blessed week!

RALLY DAY AUGUST 21ST: Our Rally Day Service is scheduled for August 21st at 10:30AM in the church Sanctuary. We will install all Sunday School and Midweek Teachers. All 3rd Graders will be invited to come forward to receive their Bibles, and all 6th Graders to come forward to receive their Catechisms. A meal will follow that service down in the church basement. Families with a last name starting A-M are asked to bring a side dish and N-Z to bring a dessert. If you have typically brought something else and would still like to do that feel free to do so. The elders will provide and grill all the meat for that day. Coffee, water, and lemonade will also be provided.

COLLEGE MOVE IN DAY AUGUST 19th: On August 19th students will be moving back into their dorm rooms at Wayne State College. This year to help facilitate and be awesome neighbors we are planning to have a welcome team stationed at Cup of Grace starting at 8am and running until 3pm. If you are at all interested in helping pass out water or Gatorade, invite students to be a part of life at Cup of Grace, or are just looking for some fun fellowship with others please contact Pastor Erik to sign up for this event.

COLLEGE MINISTRY FAIRS AT WSC: August 21st from 5pm to 7pm and August 23rd from 4:30pm to 6:30pm will be our College Ministry Fairs. These fairs allow us to meet new students, share plans for our first events of the semester, and generally share the love of Christ with others. If you are interested in helping us at this fair, please contact Pastor Erik and keep praying for all students and teachers at WSC.

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: We want YOU to JOIN US for our Wednesday Evening High School Bible Study! All incoming freshmen are invited to join us as well! We will meet August 17th, and 31st from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. We will continue to meet down at Cup of Grace for these evening Bible Studies! Bring an open mind, invite some great friends, and have a willingness to have a lot of fun!

2022-2023 MIDWEEK ANNOUNCEMENT: Midweek will officially begin on August 31st at 6:30pm, with a special meeting August 24th at 6:30pm for our 7th and 8th Graders. Please make every effort to return the registration form that was sent to you by those dates so our teachers know who will be in their classrooms. We look forward to kicking off another fantastic year with you very soon, and our hope is that you can invite some friends to join you as we study God’s word together.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: James 1:27 says, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” How can you show love to those in your community? Consider playing cards with elders at your local care center or bringing a meal to the single mom who lives across the street. Look around to see who has a need and do something to help. May God bless your “religion” this week! **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
MONDAY	7:00 pm.	Mission Council
TUESDAY	1:00 pm.	Blood Bank
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	2:00 pm.	Ladies Aid
THURSDAY	6:30 pm.	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
SATURDAY		Unger/Janke Wedding
		No Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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ACOLYTES: Cole Zach & Cloey Young (8:00)

Graycen Trautman & Landen Sharer (10:30)

LAY READER: Lowell Schardt (8:00) Jennifer Kesting (10:30)

GREETERS: Jaret & Nicole Harmer (8:00)

Chad & Pam Janke (10:30)

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