

**Please join us next Sunday for our
“Welcome Back Sunday”**

***Special Worship Service to include the
installation of our Sunday School &
Jesus’ Lambs of Grace Staff.***

**“Calling ALL Grandparents, Parents, Children
& Members of Grace!”**

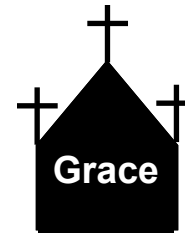
ALL members of Grace are invited to join us next week
Sunday, September 9th from 9:20am-10:20am for an hour
of information/fellowship. Beverages & snacks will be served!

*We will kick off our Fall Schedule and share plans for:
Catechism Class, Sunday School & Bible Class Opportunities
for teens, young adults, men, women, and ALL members.*

Other activities during this hour include:

- Crafts for kids to make for Grandparents
- Working on our college/military care packages
- Take group pictures of:
 - ◊ Grandparents
 - ◊ All our school age children
 - ◊ Our Cradle Roll kids - those under 5

Hope to see you there!



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**BE STRONG
IN THE LORD
AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER** **EPHESIANS 6:10**



15th Sunday of Pentecost
Sunday, September 2 &
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

DIVINE SERVICE II

This service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

Explanations are added to bless your worship.

Welcome: In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you, please ask. Worship with us again!

Our Worship Focus Today: *Please read our Prayer of the Day on page 4*

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today: This meal for our souls is such a blessing when the Lord teaches us its meaning and the proper preparation to receive it. Guests are asked to talk to Pastor Pankow before attending.

Large Print Service Binders available - please ask an usher.

Listening Assistance Aids available - please ask an usher.

HYMN #223: "As We Begin Another Week"

STAND

INVOCATION *(We are reminded of our baptisms)*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: *Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.*

For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION *(Christ gave his church authority to forgive the sins of penitent sinners.)*

John 20:21-23.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Our Grace September Newsletter & Calendar are in member boxes. Please stop and pick up your copies today. Thank you to Lois Bergquist for doing our newsletter.

Addiction Presentation at First German on Tue, Sep 11 at 6:30pm, Paul Schroeder-Haag, from Christian Family Solutions, will present a Christians perspective on addiction. This presentation overviews what addiction is, the history and types of addiction, diagnostic criteria, the developmental process of addiction, common thinking errors that addicts have, relapse and other related issues that stem from addiction. This is a community event, free and open to the public. Refreshments to follow presentation.

Updates on Building Projects at Grace Approved at June Voter's Meeting:

- Outdoor electric sign to replace the existing one out by the road: Down payment has been made. The city has approved the permit needed for this and installation is expected in late September!
- West Wing Remodel: Stop back and check out the new paint color in the offices, carpet in the hallway & offices, laminate in the "Green Classroom" and updates to the main office workspace area. There are still a few things in the office area to be installed (shelving, cabinets, etc) - these should all be completed by mid September.

The Lakeshore Lutheran Choral is a choir with members from area WELS churches. Rehearsals are every other Sunday night 6:30 - 8:00pm starting on September 16 in the MLHS choir room. Concerts will be held on Dec 15, & 16 at 3:00pm. They would like YOU to consider joining them this year. If you have any questions please contact director, Matt Manthe at mmanthe@bethanyeagles.org or secretary, Leah Strutz at lsstrutz@gmail.com.

Upcoming Fall Adult Bible Study Opportunities

- **Weekly Sunday & Wednesday Bible Study Series on "Paul's Letter to Colossians ."** starting the week of Sep 12th. The same sessions will be offered on Sunday mornings 9:20 & evenings 6:30pm, and again on Wednesday afternoons 1:30pm.
- **Men's Breakfast Bible Study Series "Whoever Has the Most Toys, Still Dies!"** starting on Saturday, Sep 22 from 8:00 - 9:15am. "All the Stuff we Have - Is it Really Important?". Toys are things that fill our lives. Most guys are pros in the fine art of stockpiling. Whether it's cycles or medals, our 'stuff' isn't going with us when we finally "pack it up" on our last day - so getting our priorities right according to God's Word is good for us and our families. The frequency of future dates & times will be discussed & determined at this first session.
- **Women's Evening Bible Study Series "Our Bible Sisters" will be held every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 7:45pm, starting on October 2nd and running through Nov 20.** Depending on the number of women that will be coming, this could be held offsite - possibly at the home of Ann Hornes. Watch for more information to be shared about this study in the near future.

Last week's attendance: Sunday: 8:00 #96 & 10:45: #95, Monday: #62, TOTAL: #253

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26 (This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on the Israelites and I will bless them." [Numbers 6:27])

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #334: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson & Tuesday pianist, Darci Matzke.

This week - God willing

- Today:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / No AM Bible Class / Pastor on WCUB 9:00am
Evening Bible Class 6:30pm - "Science & Scripture"
- Mon:** **Labor Day Holiday** - NO evening Worship service - held on Tuesday instead
- Tue:** First day of JLOG Preschool
Worship 6:30 pm
- Wed:** Bible Class 1:30pm - "Science & Scripture"
- Sun:** "Welcome Back Sunday" with special worship services 8:00 & 10:45am
Fellowship hour 9:20 - 10:20am - see back of bulletin for more details
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

Donations of items needed for Care Packages for our College & Military members away from home.

Please pick up a list of items needed from the round display table.

If you are not able to come to our fellowship hour between services next week Sunday, September 9, please stop at this table and sign the large card.
You can also take home a slip to share Bible passages or write a personal note to a college student or military member. Kids can take a picture home to color.

Donations should be dropped off by next week Monday, September 10th.

LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie (Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis (Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.)

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| <p>1 All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> | <p>2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> |
| <p>3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.</p> | <p>4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.</p> |

THE WORD

SALUTATION (This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section [page 33] of the service.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹ Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE

SEATED

DISTRIBUTION (*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and one another in a common confession of faith.*)

Hymn #460: "How Can I Thank You, Lord"

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON - *Nunc Dimittis* (*The Nunc Dimittis ["Now dismiss"] is also known as the "Song of Simeon." By faith through God's Word and Sacrament we have seen Jesus and find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*)

**1 O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:26-28 & I Corinthians 11:24,25*
(The minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei *John 1:29 (continued on next page)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by all)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the
mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND *(The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)*

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #462: “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

SERMON THEME: (based on Eph 6:10-20)

“Prepare for Battle and Fight in the Lord!”

STAND

NICENE CREED (*Public confession is faith’s response to God’s saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible’s teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father.*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING - During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register.

Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts out of thanks to him.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE (*The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers’ hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.*)

M: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus (*Sanctus means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century, this song was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.*)

**1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.