

WELCOME TO GRACE: We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord. If you are a GUEST with us today, we hope you feel welcome in our church family and invite you to worship with us again. If you are interested in membership at Grace or want to know more about our church and our faith, please indicate your interest on the ATTENDANCE FORM in the pew.

Grace's Mission

✝ Sharing God's Grace

✝ Living His Word

✝ Making Disciples

Grace Lutheran Church is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

We Believe "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

We Believe our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available. A nursery is available for children age 3 and under. Ask an usher for directions.

Hearing Impaired For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.

 **WORSHIP FOLDER** 
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
“HELP OUR UNBELIEF”

AS WE GATHER

In today’s Readings, Jesus encounters another person possessed by an unclean spirit. The young man’s father is distraught and desperate. The father utters these words: “I believe; help my unbelief!” Jesus does help the man’s unbelief by healing his son. Jesus helps our unbelief as well in all that He does. In His miracles and teaching, suffering and death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus calls us to faith. And He calls us to be His witnesses.

[If your health limits you, please don’t feel required to stand during the worship service.]

In the Name of the



*Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit*



✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

JOYFUL TONES

“Be Thou My Vision”

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Please stand for last stanza)

LSB 611

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

**5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

KYRIE

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 204

“Gloria in Excelsis”



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(please be seated)

MUSIC MINISTRY DEDICATION

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 50:4-10

(God sustains and vindicates His people.)

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

PSALM 116:1-9; ANTIPHON: V. 5

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P I love the LORD, because he has heard
C **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because he inclined his ear to me,
C **therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
C **I suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the name of the LORD:
C **“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
C **our God is merciful.**

P The LORD preserves the simple;
C **when I was brought low, he saved me.**

P Return, O my soul, to your rest;
C **for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

P For you have delivered my soul from death,
C **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

P I will walk before the LORD
C **in the land of the living.**

A **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 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

EPISTLE

JAMES 3:1-12

(The tongue is small but powerful in speaking both good and evil.)

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

(Tradition dictates that our eyes follow the cross. Please remain standing until the cross has been returned to its original position. The Gospel is read from the center of the church to symbolize the Gospel in our midst.)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

P Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia. *Mark 9:23b*



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

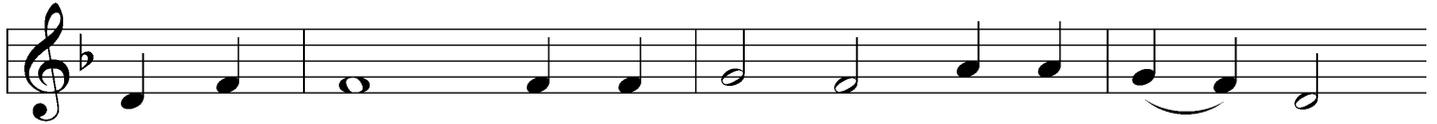
HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 849

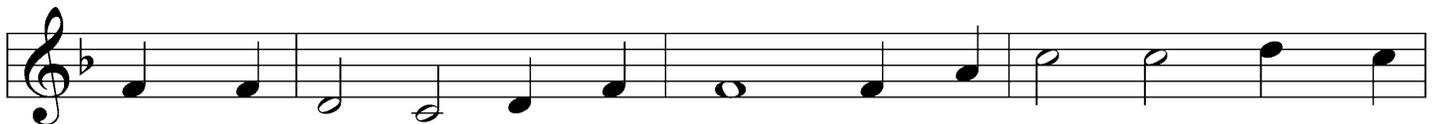
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON TITLE: *BEND TO BE UPRIGHT*

SERMON TEXT: *MARK 9:14-29*

(please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

(please be seated)

VOLUNTARY

JOYFUL CHORUS

“For the Joy of Music”

(please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 783

“Take My Life and Let It Be”



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect 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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POSTLUDE

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 *To God Alone Be the Glory* 
THOSE WHO SERVE

Presiding Minister	Reverend Robert Pase
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Joyful Chorus Director	Cindy Hilton
Joyful Tones Director	Pat Lufholm
Acolyte.....	Jonathan Schumacher
Elders	Gene Abel / Sam Witt
Ushers	Pete Lufholm
.....	Dennis Wehmeyer
.....	Brent Keesee
.....	Jerry Damm
Teller.....	Jerry Damm
Altar Guild	Carol Massie / Cindy Hilton
Nursery	Kelli & Kyndall Jones

GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase and his family
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

- ❖ Charles Colgan, BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Jane Pase, Allie Rambur, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, and Dell Wehmeyer.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Greg Gruben (family friend of Chan & Shana Price) was diagnosed with colon cancer. Surgery on 8/11 went well. Waiting for word on next steps.
- ❖ Holly Walker left South Plains Physical Rehab on 8/27 to go to Dove Tree Ranch, a drug treatment center. She is moving well with a walker and was able to move her right arm a tiny bit.
- ❖ Miranda Reich (friend of Sandra Parsley) was moved to a regular room and physical & speech therapy have been started. Still being supported with the vent.
- ❖ Linda (friend of BJ Haley & Barbara Elliott) is home on oxygen 24/7. Her husband David is still in the hospital with COVID & on a CPAP 24/7.
- ❖ Bethany Lara (family friend of Larissa Keller) has Large B Cell Lymphoma. She is doing well after having T-Cells harvested & immunotherapy in Houston.
- ❖ Weldon (Fern's brother) has a shattered knee and is in severe pain. He's waiting to see the doctors to get some pain relief and hopefully repair the knee.
- ❖ Bradley & Cheryl Bains tested positive for COVID and received the Regeneron fusion therapy and are regaining strength.
- ❖ Diana Stidham, (friend of Melinda Luedecke) was hospitalized in Killeen with COVID complications. She was released on 9/1. Still a long recovery ahead.
- ❖ Kyle Large (former member) is in ICU in Sullivan, MO with COVID pneumonia. He is slowly improving and able to eat a little and receive Holy Communion.
- ❖ Michael & Aprel (Michelle Wolfmueller's parents) Michael tested positive for COVID, Aprel tests negative so far but has the same symptoms. They are both still able to be at home.
- ❖ Debra Amick (friend of Chan & Shana Price) is in Baylor Hospital in Ft. Worth with metastatic bile duct cancer. She is having further tests.
- ❖ Sandra Parsley had dental surgery on 9/8. All went well and she's home resting.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- ❖ Walther Marcis (Jane Pase’s dad) Had his 6-month cancer checkup on 8/27 and got a great report!
- ❖ Jayden (Gary Parsley’s nephew) fluid was removed from his chest cavity last week that had collapsed one lung. He’s out of the hospital, doing great and planning to start school soon.
- ❖ Haley Gorski (Bob & Lisa Lange’s niece) delivered Randall Gorski III on 8/30. He weighed 3lbs. 10oz. She is home but Randall is in the NICU and will need an esophagus surgery in about a month when he gains some weight.
- ❖ Kris Curtis (Neta Gohr’s daughter) had gallbladder surgery in Dallas last week and is already home and back to work on 9/7.
- ❖ Daniel (Norma Baumann’s 5 yr. old great grandson) and his family have all tested negative for COVID and returned to school and work on 9/7.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the Glory of God by

Mina Fitting

My Anniversary of 53 yrs. – In thanksgiving for blessings of marriage.

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Please see Grace in Action for the week’s calendar and other important information regarding the ministry of our congregation!