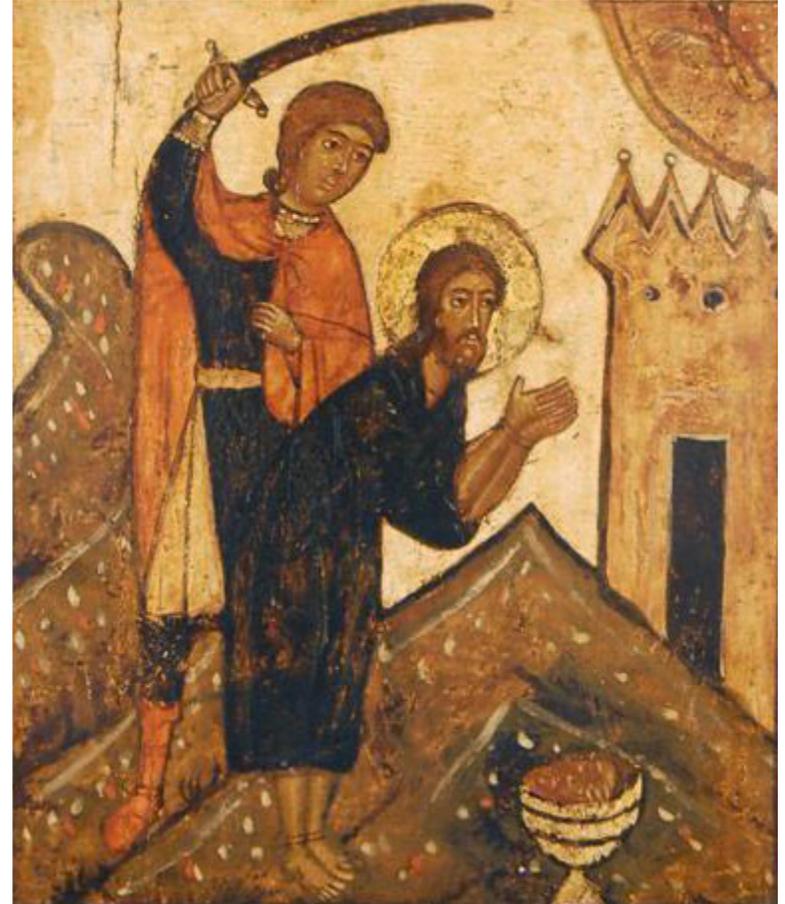


theme is, "Christ For Us: Ecclesiastical Supervision." For more information, and to register, go to www.acecl.net

MISSION CENTRAL BUS TRIP: Join us Saturday July 31st, for a visit, hosted by Old Missionary Gary Thies, to this "not normal" place in rural Iowa. See how God has indeed blessed this place to be a mission center focusing on telling others about Jesus! View the amazing creation theater. For more information, including how to reserve your seat, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.



Grace Lutheran Church
Grand Island, Ne.
July 11, 2021

The Order of the Confessional Service

Opening Hymn “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer” # 539

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

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Introit Ps. 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11



For your name’s sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,*

for in | you I trust.

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 forever. | Amen.

For your name’s sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our

COMMUNION

To help pastor, elders and visiting pastors during communion, if you prefer the common cup please place your hands with both palms up. Thank you for your help in this manner.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

Saturday: 25 **Sunday:** 105

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Monday	Mary/Sarah Circle	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Elizabeth Circle	9:30 a.m.
Saturday	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

ELDERS ON DUTY:	Keith Pobanz/Dave Plond
ORGANIST:	Shawn Pfanstiel
TODAY’S GREETERS/USHERS:	Dean Bierhaus/Dave Gibson Jon & Vickie Paulman
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Dave Gibson/Kaleb Ivers Steve & Debra Heider
THIS WEEK’S DOOR MONITOR:	Steve Heider
NEXT WEEK’S DOOR MONITOR:	Jesse Bartels
CRUCIFER:	Caleb Pobanz
ACOLYTE:	Stone Avila
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Kevin & Chelsey Liess Wedding Anniversary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The semi-annual financial statements are in your mailboxes.

ACELC CONFERENCE: The Association of Confessing Evangelical Congregations invites you to join us for our annual conference to be held July 27-29, 2021 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eagle, NE. It is our hope that this conference will help in unifying the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in doctrine and practice. This year’s

of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord will give strength unto His people.

C The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

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.

The Closing Hymn **“Lord of Our Life”** **# 659**

† † †

We thank Pastor Niemeier of Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, Ne. for leading us in worship this day and for sharing God's Word.

Communion Statement: In faithfulness to God's Word, we celebrate the Lord's Supper in each of our Sunday services. Unlike Baptism, this Sacrament is to be received again and again for the strengthening of our faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word, we practice close communion. Our faith is not exclusive, but God says that we should have unity in faith (which communion expresses). As we receive His gift today, we would ask **guests** (those not members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) and **those who have not communed in the past six months** to speak with the pastor before communing.

trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not,²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you."²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up

to half of my kingdom.”²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C 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.

The Hymn of the Day “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” # 743

The Sermon

The Offering

The Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

The Confession

P Let us 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 As you believe, even so may it be unto you.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Now go in the strength, the peace, and the joy of the Lord, and come to receive Christ’s body and blood and, being joined to him, live toward the work and the beauty he would fulfill in you for himself and for others. Go, you are free.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

The Communion Hymns

580, 621, 642

The Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper