

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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*Now is your time of grief,  
but I will see you again  
and you will rejoice...  
John 16:22*

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**APRIL 23RD/24TH, 2016**

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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**Divine Service with Communion each Saturday** 7:00 p.m.

**Divine Service with Communion each Sunday** 9:00 a.m.

**Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall** 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School** 10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)

**Adult and High School Bible Class** 10:30 a.m.

**Restrooms** can be found between the parish hall and the entryway.

**Interested in membership at Grace?** Pastor Bremer would consider it a privilege to speak with you. Please fill out a pew card expressing your interest or see him after Divine Service.

**Radio:** Grace, along with St. Paul's, Doniphan, can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on KRGI—1430 a.m.

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In faithfulness to God's Word we celebrate the Lord's Supper in every Saturday and Sunday Divine Service. Unlike Baptism this Sacrament is to be received again and again for forgiveness and the strengthening of our Christian faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word we practice closed communion. Our faith is not exclusive but God says that we should have unity of faith and doctrine (which Communion expresses). As we receive His gift today we would ask all visitors and guests to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they speak to Pastor Bremer. We also ask that those members who have not communed in the past 6 months to also speak to the pastor before communing once again. For further instruction please turn to Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 in the hymnal. These questions/answers are for those who desire to receive the sacrament.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Divine Service, Setting Three

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Pre Service Music

“How Lovely and How Pleasant”

Hymns

#566 (Choir sings vs 4)

#633 (Choir sings vs 3 & 6)

#636 #837 #613

#672

*Introit* (Italics: Cantor, Bold: Choir)



*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\**

*His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.*

**The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\***

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

*He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house  
of | Israel.\**

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.*

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\***

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

*Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,\**

*with the lyre and the sound of | melody!*

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\***

**make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!**

**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.**

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\**

*His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray... O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have

commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Anthem**

**“When in Our Music God is Glorified”**

**First Reading**

*Acts 11:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And

they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *is sung by the choir*

*Christ has risen | from the dead.\**

*[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.*

**Epistle**

*Revelation 21:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

<sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

<sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** *is sung by the congregation (Saturday)*

**Verse** *is sung by the choir (Sunday)*

*Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **Prayers**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C** **hear our prayer**





HLHS is hosting a **Go Big GIVE Bash and Prayer Walk** on **Tuesday, May 3**. Go Big GIVE is an annual giving day in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick Counties. It is sponsored by the Grand Island Community Foundation and the Heartland United Way. The HLHS Foundation is again sponsoring in this event. Would you consider giving to support HLHS through this event? In order to draw attention to this giving opportunity, HLHS is having a special event that evening with delicious food, student entertainment, and a presentation on the awesome things that can be done through estate planning. The event is free, but reservations are needed. On the same day, HLHS is hosting a 16 hour prayer walk. We are looking for volunteers to take a 20 minute time slot between 6 am and 10 pm to come and walk around the HLHS football field and pray. It's 16 hours because that is one hour for every year HLHS has operated. Just call our office at 308-385-3900 to volunteer or make reservations!

**ATTENTION:** Are you missing any pans in your kitchen at home? We have several that haven't been picked up from Easter breakfast. Please stop by the kitchen and see if any of them are yours. Thanks!

**ATTENTION: YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** We will not be seeing the movie "God's Not Dead 2" after church this Sunday. We will need to have a short meeting immediately after worship service on Sunday to discuss our May and June events. Have a blessed day!