

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Confirmation Sunday



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APRIL 12, 2015

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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 am.

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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.

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Pre Service Music

"Hope's Celebration"
(*God is my Fortress*)

Hymns

#465

#470

#689

#632 #473

#865

Introit *is sung by the congregation*



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that
by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- |
ations.

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.

**Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that
by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray...Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Senior Choir Anthem

"Christ Be My Leader, Teacher, Savior"

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *is sung by the congregation*

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

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *is sung by the congregation*

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the

Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Following the offering we will sing hymn #689

Order of Confirmation

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Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

This Week at Grace....

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| Today | Worship Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Bible Class/Sunday School | 10:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | Junior Choir | 6:15 p.m. |
| | Senior Choir | 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | Worship Service | 7:00 p.m. |
| Next Sunday | Worship Service | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Bible Class/Sunday School | 10:30 a.m. |
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| THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING: | | |
| ELDERS ON DUTY: | Stu Endorf, Mark Liess, Dean Bierhaus | |
| ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: | Gretchen Buss | |
| CHOIR: | Junior Choir | |
| CANTORS: | Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel | |
| TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS: | Ralph Laskowski/Jeremiah Ivers Evonne Wagemen/Janet Petermann | |
| NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: | Steve and Debra Heider Alan and Ruth Strauch | |
| ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: | Cecily McGuan/MacKenzie Hoos | |
| RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR: | Louise Williams | |

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: 50 Sunday: 252
 Sunday School Attendance: Sunday School Offering: \$

Last Week's Offerings

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund \$6,991.10
 Other Offerings \$263.44
 Birthday/Anniversary Gifts \$52.00
 Total Received \$7,306.54

General Fund \$56,657.59
 Other Offerings \$4,762.44
 Birthday/Anniversary Gifts \$358.00
 Total Received \$61,778.03

***Totals include all Easter Services**

Weekly Budget

Year to Date Budget

General Fund Needed \$4,250.00
 General Fund Difference +\$2,741.10

\$59,500.00
 -\$2,842.41

CHURCH PROJECTS

| Project | Amount Needed | Gifts Received |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Fellowship Hall Roof | \$50,000.00 | \$21,186.46 |

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING FRIENDSHIP SUPPER

Our annual Spring Friendship Supper is scheduled for Monday April 20th at 6:30. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Guild members please remember to get your salad recipe to Ruth Strauch by April 12th.

HLHS SPRING PRODUCTION

On April 17 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Heartland Lutheran High School will present the comedy, *"Who's In Charge? or Rodney, the Ultimate Gift to Theater"* in the HLHS gym. Come prepared to laugh as we find out just how a football coach who knows nothing of theater directs a band of quirky actors to perform Shakespeare!

Tickets may be purchased in advance from the school office or at the door: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students (K-12) and kids 5 and under are free.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUSICAL

Come and join us for the spring Trinity Lutheran School Musical "Son Seekers Nation Vacation" on April 14th at Peace Lutheran Church at 7:00. You will thoroughly enjoy the upbeat, 60's style, praise music.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this month? If so, we invite you to help continue a recent tradition. As you celebrate, please make a special gift to Grace Lutheran in the amount of years you have been blessed. All special gifts in 2015 will be used toward the cost of repairing the fellowship hall roof.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL COLOR RUN

The 2nd annual Color Run honoring educators will be on Saturday, April 25th. It is a 5K and 1 mile Fun Run. More information and registration can be found at bit.ly/tlscolorrun

2015 Confirmands

Elizabeth Maureen Huggins

~ daughter of James and Gerlyn Huggins

Born: 5/29/2003

Baptized: 6/22/2003

Sponsors: Gina Suchanek and Gerrod Luhn

Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Brody Aaron Sheeks ~ son of Kevin Sheeks and Barbara Sheeks

Born: 9/30/2002

Baptized: 10/20/2002

Sponsors: Brian and Deb Glover

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Brian Lee Yager, Jr.

~ son of SandraLee Yager and Brian Yager

Born: 5/9/2003

Baptized: 5/9/2003

Sponsors: Michael Endorf

Psalm 91:4

*He will cover you, under his wings you will find safety.
His truth is your shield and armor.*