

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

Choir Anthem

“My Risen and Forever Friend”

First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him

were dispersed and came to nothing.

³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Cantor)

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 under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you

have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse (Cantor)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.. Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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



C Glo - ry to You, 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."²⁷ Then 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."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus 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;³¹ but 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.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day	"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"	#464
Sermon		
Nicene Creed	<i>(Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)</i>	
Offering	"Lord, Help Us Ever To Retain" (Hymn 865)	
Offertory		p. 176
Confirmation Hymn	"Let Me Be Thine Forever"	#689
Order of Confirmation		p. 272
Prayers of the Church:		
P Lord, in Your mercy		
G hear our prayer.		

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Proper Preface	p. 177
Sanctus	p. 178
Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 178
Lord's Prayer	p. 179
Words of of Our Lord	p. 179
Pax Domini, Agnus Dei	p. 180
Communion Hymns	635, 473, 577
Nunc Dimittis	p. 182
Post-Communion Collect	p. 183
Benediction	p. 183
Hymn	"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go" #921

HEARTLAND NEWS:HLHS delegate meeting will be held on April 27th at 7:45pm.

ATTENTION JR/SR CHOIR MEMBERS: I accidently left choir practice off on May 3rd in the newsletter. There **WILL** be choir practice that night. Thanks!

2017 Confirmands

Emma Huggins ~ daughter of James & Gerlyn Huggins

Born: 7/12/05

Baptized: 7/24/05

Witnesses: Garrod Luhn & Gina Suchanek

Psalm 18:2

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn or my salvation, my stronghold."

Isabelle Ann Hoos ~ daughter of Paul & Sally Hoos

Born: 6/02/03

Baptized: 9/22/07

Witnesses: Brionna Hoos, MacKenzie Hoos

Psalm 37:5

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."

MacKenzie Danae Hoos ~ daughter of Paul & Sally Hoos

Born: 7/19/01

Baptized: 11/30/03

Witnesses: Becky & Jason Groves, Thayne & Trish Rodocker & Mark Hoos

Matthew 28:20

"Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Miranda Ann Hoos ~ daughter of Paul & Sally Hoos

Born: 6/02/03

Baptized: 9/22/07

Witnesses: Brionna Hoos, MacKenzie Hoos

Psalm 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Sammi Sue Hoos ~ daughter of Paul & Sally Hoos

Born: 5/25/04

Baptized: 9/22/07

Witnesses: Brionna Hoos, MacKenzie Hoos

Galations 3:28

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ."