

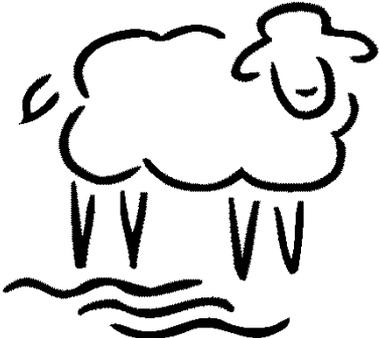
# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LAYS DOWN HIS  
LIFE FOR  
THE SHEEP.  
JOHN 10:11



The illustration consists of two parts. The top part shows two sheep, each with a fluffy, cloud-like body and two legs, standing on a wavy line representing grass. The bottom part shows a single sheep with a similar fluffy body and two legs, also standing on a wavy line representing grass.

PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER

APRIL 25/26, 2015

# 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 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.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Pre Service Music

*"My Shepherd and Forever Friend"*

Hymns

#710

#709 Cantor sings vss. 2 & 5

#635 #735

#711

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



*I am the good | shepherd.\**

*I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life |  
for the sheep.*

**The LORD is my | shepherd;\***

**I | shall not want.**

*He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\**

*He leads me beside still | waters.*

**He re- | stores my soul.\***

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's  
sake.**

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil, for you are | with me;\**

*your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.*

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my |  
enemies;\***

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.**

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.*

**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.**

*I am the good | shepherd.\**

*I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life |  
for the sheep.*

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray...Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Choir Anthem**

*"Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 4:1–12*

<sup>1</sup> As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus

Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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

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

**Gradual** *is sung by the 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 un- | der his feet.*

**Epistle**

*1 John 3:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

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

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

**Alleluia and Verse** *is sung by the Cantor (Sunday)*

*Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*

*Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 10:11–18*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

**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.**

**Offertory Music**

*"I am Jesus' Little Lamb"*

# This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Junior Choir – Pizza Supper & rehearsal	6:00 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:	Joshua Gibson/Kaleb Ivers	
	Dave and Lynnette Gibson	
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Mike and Kim Krecklow	
	Kurt Haecker/Jeremiah Ivers	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:	Cecily McGuan/MacKenzie Hoos	
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Mark Liess	

## Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance:                      Saturday:              Sunday: 132  
 Sunday School Attendance:                      Sunday School Offering: \$

### Last Week's Offerings

General Fund	\$5,670.11
Other Offerings	\$548.61
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$103.00
Total Received	\$6,321.72

### Year to Date Offerings

General Fund	\$65,943.30
Other Offerings	\$5,511.05
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$461.00
Total Received	\$72,015.35

### Weekly Budget

General Fund Needed	\$4,250.00
General Fund Difference	+\$1,420.11

### Year to Date Budget

\$68,000.00
-\$2,056.80

### CHURCH PROJECTS

Project	Amount Needed	Gifts Received
Fellowship Hall Roof	\$50,000.00	\$21,789.46

### 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

We have our website up and running. Be sure to check it out. You can listen to each weeks sermons and download weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters among other things.

**[www.gracelcmgsi.org](http://www.gracelcmgsi.org)**

### **ASCENSION SERVICE**

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **THANK YOU**

We wish to thank Pastor Rod Armon for preaching this weekend.

### **USHER/GREETER MEETING THIS MORNING**

There will be an usher/greeter meeting in the sanctuary this morning beginning at 10:30. It should only last approximately 20 minutes.

### **VBS MEETING**

There will be a meeting on May 3rd during Sunday School for those helping with the VBS this year. We are still in need of someone to lead the story telling portion of the VBS curriculum.

### **HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!**

Educatus International is seeking host families for talented international students at Heartland Lutheran for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture, introduce American culture to a student, and gain a beloved host child from another country! A monthly stipend is provided.

For more information, please contact Bethany Olsen at [bethany.educatus@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.educatus@gmail.com) or 308-850-5222.

### **FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF REPAIRED; GIFTS NEEDED**

Let it rain! Just prior to Easter, the contractor finished up on the replacement roof on the fellowship hall and restrooms so we are prepared for spring showers. Now, we are in need of some special gifts to pay for the nearly \$50,000 project. We have made a payment of \$20,000, but will be borrowing nearly \$30,000 yet this month to completely pay the roof repair bill.

Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in retiring the debt over the next few months while also continuing to provide your weekly support for our ongoing operating expenses. Your past and continued support is greatly appreciated!

If you have questions, please contact Karl Heck, President, or Kurt Haecker, Treasurer.

### **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.