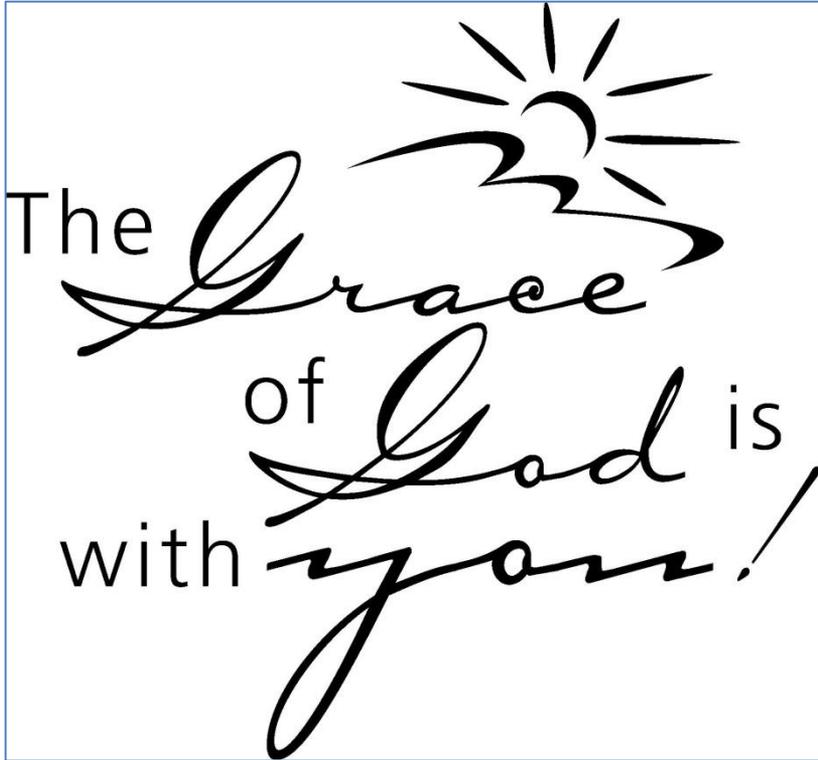


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER

AUGUST 22/23, 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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymns

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#865

#626 #563

#713

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



O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

**Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.**

Prove me, O LORD, and | try me,
test my heart | and my mind.*

**I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, | O
LORD,***

**proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your |
wondrous deeds.**

**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.**

O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house
and the place where your | glory dwells.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *is sung by the Cantor*

*Fear the LORD, | you his saints, **

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

*Many are the afflictions of the | righteous, **

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church

submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Verse of the Day *is sung by the Cantor (Sunday)*

Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1–13

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,

²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he

said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayers

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	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.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:		
ELDERS ON DUTY:	Dean Bierhaus/Mark Liess/Stu Endorf	
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Gretchen Buss	
CHOIR:		
CANTORS:	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel	
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Mike and Kyla Endorf	
	Roger and Rosalie Roscoe	
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Mark Liess/Jeremiah Ivers	
	Ralph Laskowski/Stu Endorf	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:	Hailey McGuan/MacKenzie Hoos	
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Doniphan	

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: 27 Sunday: 128
 Sunday School Attendance: Sunday School Offering:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund	\$3,104.00
Other Offerings	\$109.00
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$125.00
Total Received	\$3,338.00

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund	\$126,432.16
Other Offerings	\$15,103.83
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$1,296.00
Total Received	\$142,831.99

Weekly Budget

General Fund Needed	\$4,250.00
General Fund Difference	-\$1,146.00

Year to Date Budget

\$140,250.00
-\$13,817.84

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.

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. The special gifts will go toward the replacement/upgrade of some church windows.

SENIOR CHOIR

Senior Choir members (past-new) will rehearse for the State Fair services (Aug.30 and Sept. 6) on **Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m.**

HLHS BLOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, September 23rd from 8:30 am to 1pmpm the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society Students will be hosting a **Blood Drive** for the Red Cross.

Please consider coming in to make a donation and helping them reach their goal of over 35 usable units (whole **blood** or double red cell donation appointments are available)--reaching 35 usable units will make HLHS students eligible for a Scholarship through the Red Cross. So your donation will not only help the Community but HLHS students as well. Please Contact the HLHS office at [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900) for a donation time.

LWML RETREAT COLLECTION

We will be collecting items for our LWML District retreat scheduled for September 18-20. There will be a box in the narthex for items.

Items requested are:

Orphan Grain Train: Any medical/school supplies, quilts, walkers, canes and school supplies (notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, crayons rulers, glue sticks, blunt scissors washable markers)

GI Veterans Hospital/Home: Gift Cards, Beanie Babies or small stuffed animals, word search magazines, puzzle games, body pillow cases, Husker items, gripper socks.

GREETING CARDS

LWML will be selling greeting cards through September 27th. Orders will be sent in October 1st. The catalog and order forms are on the small table in the narthex. The cards are very pretty this year. Be sure to check them out.

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

We will need a volunteer to serve on the Board of Education for 2016. If you would be interested in this position, please contact Tim Bartels.

WITH GRATITUDE, A REVIEW OF CHURCH PROJECTS

Thank, the Lord! We have been blessed at Grace! It is so wonderful to share with you the monetary goal for the Fellowship Roof repair has been reached. As a result, the church has completed four major church projects over the past 3 years, and has no debt outstanding. Yes, our church has completed capital improvements of more than **\$150,000 since mid-2012** with special gifts from you, the congregation. The improvements comprised of a new organ, roof replacement over offices and then fellowship hall, as well as heating & A/C unit upgrades.

Thanks to all involved with improving the equipment and property at Grace Lutheran. Your assistance and support are greatly appreciated.

GRACE YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Attention anyone who is currently in Junior High School thru college and currently a member of Grace Lutheran Church. On September 13th we will be having a picnic for you. It will start at 1:00 pm and end around 3:00 pm. We will be performing a church cleaning, bible study and plenty of food. Watch in the upcoming church bulletins for more details. We hope to see you there.

HEARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all who volunteered to work at the Heartland Lutheran High School pie and ice cream booth at the Nebraska State Fair. We have all 200 volunteer slots filled! If you are at the fair, drop by the Five Points Bank Arena and buy a piece of delicious Village Pie Maker Pie!

Heartland Lutheran High School has welcomed 16 new students to our student body. We have an open enrollment policy, so families can apply at any time. If you know someone that isn't happy with their early experience at their high school this year, encourage them to contact HLHS to see how we could serve them!

Registration is open for the September 19 annual **Red Hornet Golf Scramble** to support the athletic and activity programs of Heartland Lutheran High School. Entry is \$240 for a team of four. You can register through www.heartlandlutheran.org or by contacting the school office at [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900).

Would you like to **support the Heartland Lutheran High School Red Hornet Athletic or Activity Programs?** There are sponsorship opportunities for our new gym signs and for the September 19 Red Hornet Golf Scramble. We are placing 18 new signs in our gym, each containing a Bible verse with a sponsor listed underneath. We still have about 10 of these remaining and the cost is only \$800 per year! For the golf scramble, we are looking for hole sponsors, meal sponsors, cart sponsors and much more. If you would like to advertise your business, or simply show your support through a sponsorship, call the school office at [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900) and speak with Tim or Tina.

HLHS is hosting "**Quilts & Cars**" on October 4. Registration is now open to enter the car show or quilt show. You can contact the school office or visit www.heartlandlutheran.org for more information. We are excited for this new event which will include food, entertainment and much more.