

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 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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymns

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Introit



Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you...

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?

⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children...

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

**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 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not

wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

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

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

¹⁴And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from

within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.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: Mark Liess/Jeremiah Ivers

Ralph Laskowski/Stu Endorf

NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: Jon and Vickie Paulman

Keith Pobanz/Micah Pobanz

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Hailey McGuan/MacKenzie Hoos

RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR: Ralph Laskowski

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: 21 Sunday: 132
Sunday School Attendance: 12 Sunday School Offering: \$7.00

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund	\$2,919.25
Other Offerings	\$200.00
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$80.00
Total Received	\$3,199.25

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund	\$129,351.41
Other Offerings	\$15,303.83
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$1,376.00
Total Received	\$146,031.24

Weekly Budget

General Fund Needed	\$4,250.00
General Fund Difference	-\$1,330.75

Year to Date Budget

	\$144,500.00
	-\$15,148.59

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.

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.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEEDED

After many years of service our financial secretary, Alan Strauch will be retiring after this year. We will need a new financial secretary for 2016. If you would be interested in this volunteer position, please contact Pastor or Karl Heck. If you have questions about the position, Alan would be glad to answer them for you.

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.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEWS

On Sunday September 13th from 1 to 3pm the Young Adult Group will be meeting. They will be having a short Bible Study, picnic and then do some cleanup activities for the church. If you would like more information please contact Brody Sheeks, Gavin Link or the church office. *If you are currently college age (18 to 24 yoa) and in college or in the working world. We would also like to invite you to join us. More information will coming in the next few weeks. God's Blessing's

HEARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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.