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PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
DECEMBER 17TH, 2017

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.

Heaven's Child

written & arranged by

Joseph Linn

Presented by

Grace Lutheran Senior Choir

Director: Shawn Pfanstiel

I. A Child is Born; Receive Him

- a. The Lord is Come
 - i. Joy to the World
 - ii. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 - iii. Lift Up our Eyes
 - iv. O Come, All Ye Faithful

II. A Son is Given: Proclaim Him

- a. Sing Gloria
 - i. While Shepherds Watched
 - ii. Gloria
 - 1. SOLO: Kris Minnick
- b. Lord in a Manger
 - i. Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

III. A Savior is Come: Rejoice in Him

- a. Unto Us a Savior
 - i. Good Christian Men, Rejoice
 - ii. For Unto Us

IV. The Lord is King: Exalt Him

- a. Be Exalted
 - i. SOLO: Kris Minnick
- b. Noel Medley
 - i. Angels, from the Realms of Glory
 - ii. The First Noel

1. DUET: Elizabeth Pobanz & Janet Petermann

iii. Away in a Manger

1. SOLO: Elizabeth Pobanz

2. DUET: Elizabeth Pobanz & Janet Petermann

iv. O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. SOLO: Amaryah Jenkins

v. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

vi. Immanuel, Immanuel

1. SOLO: Kris Minnick

viii. Joy to the World

c. Hallelujah Choras

The Senior Choir

Soloists:

Kris Minnick, Elizabeth Pobanz, Janet Petermann & Amaryah Jenkins

Sopranos

Paula Heck
Amaryah Jenkins
Laura Liess
Kris Minnick
Elizabeth Pobanz
Jeri Pobanz
Kim Pfanstiel

Altos

Cindy Bremer
Emilie McGovern
Tami Nabower
Janet Petermann
Rebekah Pobanz
Debbie Spaulding
Louise Williams

Tenors

Dean Bierhaus
Bruce Bluhm
Cindy Kemp
Caleb Pobanz

Bass

Stu Endorf
Karl Heck
Steve Spaulding

Sincere thanks to:

-Our sainted director, Gretchen R. Buss, for her dedicated service to Grace for the past 47 years. Rehearsals for today's cantata were conducted by Gretchen, and we rejoice in the musical groundwork that she laid for generations to come.

-Randy Kemp for preparing the choir's Christmas dinner.

-All choir members; I appreciate your patience with me in this transition, all of the work that you have put in preparing music for services at Grace.

Shawn Pfanstiel, choir director

Following the Cantata.....

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

The Confessional Address

Following the address...

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

The pastor absolves all the penitents corporately from the altar.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering

The Prayers

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The service continues on page 194.

Hymns during distribution:

#563, #618, #361

Closing hymn "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" #375

CHURCH FINANCES- **The latest:** Over the past number of weeks, we have made progress. We do, however, remain behind budget about \$6,500 with YTD offerings. As a result, we have had to “borrow” from our building fund to pay for some operating expenses. Thru Nov 26th, Year to Date general offerings total slightly more than \$198,000 or an average of \$4,215/wk over 47 weeks. Our budget is \$4,350/wk.

Over the final 5 weeks, we need gifts of about \$28,000 or \$5,600/wk to meet our weekly obligations and to shrink the YTD deficit so we can repay our “borrowed money” and have it available during the lower giving months of January-April. Please continue to prayerfully consider how your household can help us make up our current shortfall. Thank you much for all the support, and may everyone have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

ADVENT SUPPER & SERVICE: December 20th, 5:30-6:30 we will be having a baked potato bar. Advent Service will follow at 7:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: We need a teacher for the 2nd through 4th grade class beginning in January. If you would be interested and could help us, please talk to Vicki Bartels. Thank you.

USHER/GREETER: Keith Pobanz is working on the 2018 greeter/usher schedule. If there are any special requests please let him know as soon as possible, so he can try and accommodate those requests. We are always looking for more people that are interested in helping out. If interested, please speak to an elder, greeter, or call Keith at [308-218-8984](tel:308-218-8984). Thank You!"

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Christmas Eve Service	December 24th	7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service	December 25th	9:00 a.m.