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*“I have
baptized you
with water....
but he will baptize
you with the Holy
Spirit”*

Mark 1:8

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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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*is sung by the Cantor*)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.**

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

*Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;**

righteous and having sal- | vation.

*Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.**

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should

perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Saturday)

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse (sung by the Cantor)

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

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

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him

in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed – (Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)

Hymn – “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” # 345

Sermon

Offering

Offertory – p. 192

Prayers of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

Preface, Proper Preface, Sanctus – p. 194 - 195

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Words of Institution – p. 197

Pax Domini – p. 197

Agnus Dei -- p. 198

Communion Hymns – #'s 617, 347, 368

Nunc Dimittis – p. 199

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Salutation/Benedicamus – 201/202

Benediction – p. 202

Hymn “Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement” # 511

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 13th, 5:30-6:30 we will be having hot dogs and chips. 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.

2018 CALENDARS NEEDED: If you would like to donate 2018 calendars for residents of the local nursing homes, there is a box on top of the coat rack (marked greeting cards) outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your help.

HLHS NEWS: Heartland Lutheran High School Christmas Program will be **TODAY, Sunday, December 10th at 3:00pm** in the HLHS gym. We invite you to come and listen to our talented Choir and Band.

HLHS NEWS: HLHS will be holding a Quilts and Crafts Sale and Soup Lunch on **SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th** from 9:30am-1:30pm. We are in need of homemade goodies (crafts, festive cookies, baked goods, canned good and more). We also would like to challenge individual congregations to provide one kind of soup for us to serve and sell at the event. If you can help provide these items please contact the school office at 308-385-3900 and let us know.