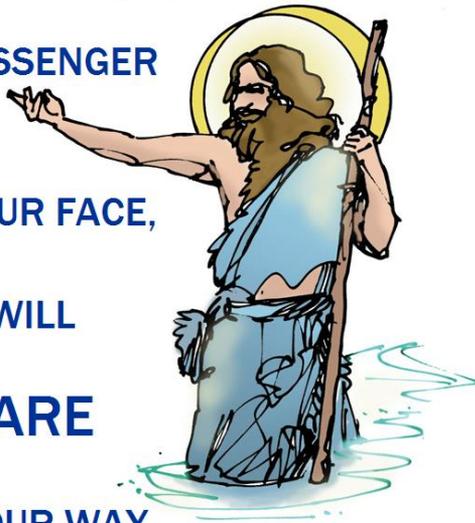


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**BEHOLD,
I SEND
MY MESSENGER
BEFORE YOUR FACE,
WHO WILL
PREPARE
YOUR WAY
BEFORE YOU....**



PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER

DECEMBER 12/13, 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 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.

gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual is sung by Cantor (Sunday)

*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

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Verse *is sung by the Cantor (Sunday)*

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

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

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

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury

are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday: 18

Sunday: 128

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	SS Children's Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.
Monday	LWML Christmas Party	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Advent Supper	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Senior Choir Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
	Cantata	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Cantata	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:

ELDERS ON DUTY: Mike Krecklow/Keith Pobanz/Dave Plond

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Gretchen Buss

CHOIR:

CANTORS: Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel

TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS: Roger and Rosalie Roscoe

Jon and Vickie Paulman

NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: Jeremiah Ivers/Kurt Haecker

Tony Budnick/Mark Liess

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Lila Yager/Gavin Link

RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR: Doniphan

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Advent Service Dec. 16 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service Dec. 25 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service Dec. 31 7:00 p.m.

CANTATA: Join us Saturday, December 19 and Sunday, December 20 for Grace Lutheran Senior Choir's Cantata entitled "Joy Came Down".

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias for the altar.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Tonight at 7:00 pm.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: The 2016 Radio Sponsorship sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to sponsor a radio sermon. Cost is \$45.

ADVENT SUPPER: The Young Adults group would like to invite everybody to join us on Wednesday December 16th from 5:30-6:30 pm for our final Advent Dinner of this year. We are hosting this event to help us raise funds for our summer retreat. We will be serving Soup/Chili and dessert. It is a free will offering event. Come join us for the good food, fellowship and praising of Christ's birth celebration.

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ Tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m.
Please remember to bring along your favorite cup from home. We will be playing a game with them.

BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH? : You are invited to help continue a recent tradition at Grace Lutheran if you have a birthday or anniversary this month. As you celebrate, please make a special gift to the church in the amount of years you have been blessed.