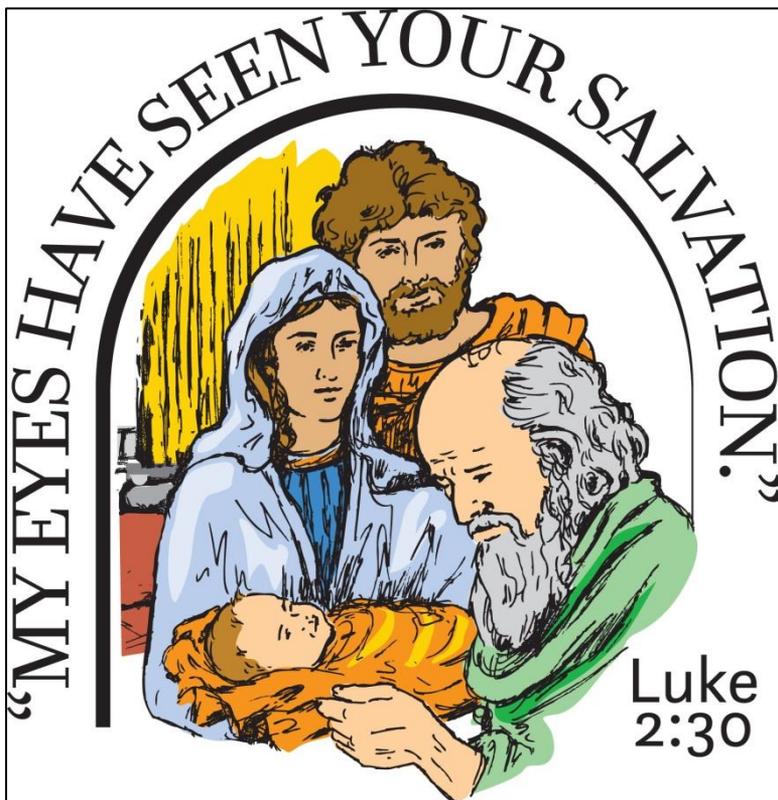


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 26/27, 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray...O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual is sung by Cantor (Sunday)

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Colossians 3:12 - 17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every

male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord")²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our pray

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:

Sunday: 139

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	New Year's Eve Service	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: Mike Krecklow/Keith Pobanz/Dave Plond

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Gretchen Buss

CHOIR:

CANTORS: Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel

TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS: Mike and Kim Krecklow

Duane and Marcia Fowler

NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: Bryan and Brooke Saddler

Marilyn Fischer/Lydia Rippe

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Emma Huggins/Elizabeth Huggins

RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR: Doniphan

UPCOMING SERVICE:

New Year's Eve Service

Dec. 31

7:00 p.m.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: The 2016 Radio Sponsorship sheet is posted on the bulletin board. There are four dates still open. (February 28, July 3, November 20, & December 4) Please sign up if you would like to sponsor a radio sermon. Cost is \$45.

60TH ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK: We will be having a congregational potluck lunch in honor of our 60th Anniversary on January 10th. Each family is asked to bring a main dish and a vegetable, salad or dessert.

CHURCH FINANCES: In the final week of 2015, our church finances remain in a very challenging position. The budget gap closed a little from the end of November (thank you!), but our budget deficit is still about \$19,000. Please help shrink the shortfall by year end so we can replenish our savings and building funds that have been depleted. Your gifts are important for Grace Lutheran Church to avoid borrowing money from the bank in the near future. Thank you for your support! *May everyone have a safe and Happy New Year!*

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

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.