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And he went and  
lived in a **city called**  
**Nazareth,**  
so that what was  
**spoken** by the  
**prophets**  
might be **fulfilled.**

—Matthew 2:23, ESV

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PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER  
DECEMBER 28TH & DECEMBER 29TH

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOMES YOU!!

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**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 KRGJ—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.

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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas -- December 29th, 2019*

## Hymn “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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## Confession and Absolution

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**Introit** (*Italics-Cantor/Bold-Congregation*)



*When Israel was a child, I / loved him,\*  
and out of Egypt I / called my son.*

**Thus says the LORD: "A voice is heard in | Ramah,\*  
lamentation and bitter | weeping.**

*Rachel is weeping for her | children,\*  
she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they | are  
no more."*

**Thus says the LORD: "Keep your voice from | weeping,\*  
and your | eyes from tears,**

*for there is a reward for your work, / declares the LORD,\*  
and they shall come back from the land of the / enemy.*

**There is hope for your future, de- | clares the LORD,\*  
and your children shall come back to their own | country."**

**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.

*When Israel was a child, I / loved him,\*  
and out of Egypt I / called my son.*

## Kyrie

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## Gloria in Excelsis

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## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**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.



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** is sung by the Cantor

*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

Galatians 4:4–7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia (Saturday)



## Verse of the day (is sung by the Cantor)

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

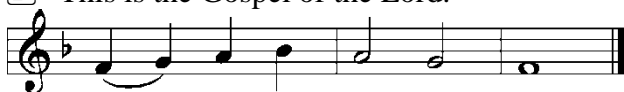


<sup>13</sup> When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup> But when Herod

died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

*(Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)*

**Hymn**

**“Let All Together Praise Our God”**

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**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

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**Prayers of the Church:**

**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**Preface, Proper Preface, Sanctus –**

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**Lord’s Prayer**

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**Words of Institution**

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**Benediction**

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**Hymn**

**“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”**

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**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: 29

Sunday: 145

## 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.

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## THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

<b>ELDERS ON DUTY:</b>	Karl Heck/Stu Endorf
<b>ORGANIST:</b>	Rebekah Pobanz
<b>CANTOR:</b>	Karl Heck
<b>TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Jon & Vickie Paulman Marilyn Fischer/Dean Bierhaus
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Mark Liess/Kurt Haecker Mike & Kim Krecklow
<b>TODAY'S DOOR MONITOR:</b>	Kevin Liess
<b>NEXT WEEKS DOOR MONITOR:</b>	Mike Bockmann
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Gavin Link
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Xavier Carr
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	Rick & Mary Ann Ressel To the Glory of God

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN:** Orphan Grain Train is in need of plastic grocery and shopping bags (ie: Walmart, Hyvee, etc) The bags are cut into strips and crocheted into sleeping mats by residents of Good Samaritan Village. The made up mats are shipped to the less fortunate by Orphan Grain Train. Please place your bags in a tub provided under the coat rack at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Judy Rosenkotter at 308-384-4070  
Thanks!

**ATTENTION:** There will **NOT** be a New Year's Eve service this year. Please disregard it on the December calendar.

**SUMMER YOUTH TRIP:** Any confirmed youth interested in going to the Higher Things conference @ NW Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, July 7-10 (this coming summer), please let pastor know. We will also have a meeting on January 5 right after church to hand out more details.

**FUNERAL LUNCHEON REPLACEMENTS:** Ruth Strauch and Marilyn Fischer have been co-chairing the luncheons for funerals for several years, and are looking to step down. The process is much easier with two people, so they are looking for two replacements that will help with this responsibility. If you have any questions, or want to help with this, please talk with Ruth Strauch.

**YEAR END GIFTS:** If you wish to make your final financial gifts, please note all offerings received in the mail or left at the Church office on Monday or Tuesday will be included in the 2019 giving report. Thank you for the extra gifts made this month. With bountiful offerings again this weekend, our YTD offerings will finish favorably for 2019 and set us up for a good start to 2020. Thank you for your ongoing support of Grace Lutheran Church! Best wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed new year! Kurt Haecker, Treasurer