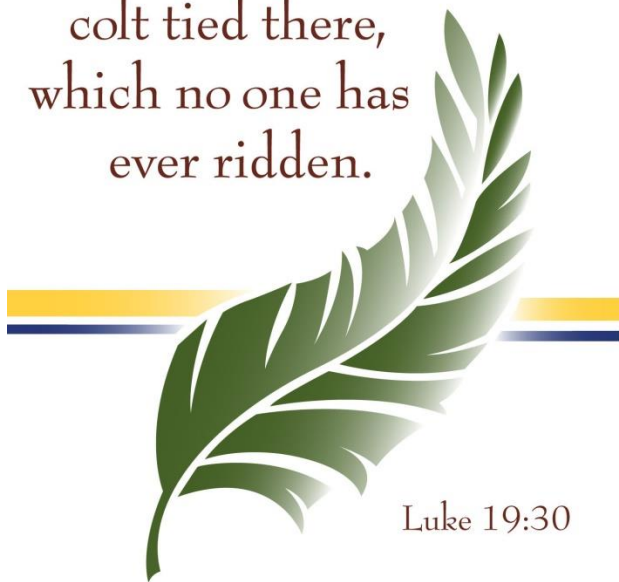


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Go to the village
ahead of you,
and as you enter it,
you will find a
colt tied there,
which no one has
ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND, 2018

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.

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Opening Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors” #339

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Introit (Congregation)



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD? *

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,
Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne; *
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout, *
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day *
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD, *
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

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.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Anthem

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

(LSB 357)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by the Congregation)

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Saturday/Sunday)

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

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

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn “**Savior of the Nations, Come**”

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer**

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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: 30 Sunday: 86

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Monday	Guild Christmas Party	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Soup Supper	5:30-6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Advent 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:	Keith Pobanz/Stu Endorf
ORGANIST:	Shawn Pfanstiel
CHOIR:	Children’s Choir
TODAY’S GREETERS/USHERS:	Bryan & Brooke Saddler
	Evonne Wageman/Janet Petermann
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Steve & Debra Heider
	Lynette Gibson/Marilyn Fischer
CRUCIFER:	Brody Sheeks
ACOLYTE:	Sammi Hoos
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Dave & Kriss Plond
	In Memory of Don Plond

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: Youth Group Fundraiser Red Wheel Fundraiser order forms and money are due to Chelsey Liess **TODAY, December 2 by 11:30 am**. If congregation members would still like to order, please sign up on the bulletin board this morning and get your money to Chelsey or the K. Liess mailbox. Thank you for your orders!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The Children's Christmas Service will be held Sunday, December 16 **during the Sunday school hour** in the sanctuary following the regular worship service. ***Please note the time change from last week's announcement.***

RADIO SPONSOR SHEET: The 2019 Radio Sponsor sheet is up on the bulletin board. The cost is \$45. **There are 4 slots still open.**

GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Guild Christmas Party is **December 3rd at 6:30pm**. Please make note of this as it was originally scheduled for the 10th. Cost will be \$10.75 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The Heartland Lutheran Chorus will be our entertainment.

LADIES NEEDED FOR ALTAR GUILD: We are in need of some ladies from the congregation to sign up to be on Altar Guild for 2019. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Carla Warneke either on a Sunday or call her at 308-380-7297.

UPDATE ON CHURCH FINANCES: With about six weeks remaining in the year, please note our YTD offerings are only slightly behind our budget. We have had to use some money from savings, but we are current on all bills. Please continue your support, and prayerfully consider how your household can help us stay on track (\$4,350/wk budget) and also make up the modest year to date shortfall.

Also it is with much gratitude to share with you that the wishes of Ralph Laskowski were for a significant bequest be made to Grace Lutheran Church following his death. We are expecting Ralph's gift in the near future, and intend to use it to replace the parking lot with a concrete surface next spring. If you wish to make a gift to the parking lot project, a special fund has been established. Simply mark your Building Fund envelope with "parking lot". Thank you!

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

THANK YOU: Dear Shawn & Choir: A heartfelt thank you and congratulations on a reflective and meaningful Reformation Celebrations Service. It touched our hearts that it was done in remembrance of Gretchen. She would have loved worshipping and praising God's eternal love with all of you.

Choir: Your anthems with your beautiful blended voices put the focus of God's gift of grace and salvation through the music of Martin Luther and many other composers.

Shawn: Your God given gifts as an organist and choir director truly reflect your faith in the Lord and your passion for music. Your own organ composition was so beautifully written and moving.

Thanks to all for serving the delicious meal after the service.

Finally, thanks to my family and Pastor here at Grace, for your prayers, love, and support through our journey of grief and healing. It has meant so much to us.

With deepest thanks and praise to God for all of you and His many blessings,

Duane Buss and family