

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40, NRSV



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**DECEMBER 29TH & 30TH, 2018**

# 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 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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Hymn “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” #386  
Confession and Absolution p. 184

## Introit (*Cantor/Congregation*)



*The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the / nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation / of our God.*

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\***

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

*The LORD has made known his sal- / vation;\**

*he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the / nations.*

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of |  
Israel.\***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, / all the earth;\**

*break forth into joyous song and sing / praises!*

**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.**

*The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the / nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation / of our God.*

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**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

*Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“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.” <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>11</sup>“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, <sup>12</sup>you 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. <sup>13</sup>Every 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. <sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>For 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 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

*Colossians 3:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing 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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these

put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let 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. <sup>17</sup>And 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 (Saturday)

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

### Verse (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

*Luke 2:22–40*

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

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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<sup>22</sup>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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in

peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>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.

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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:** 22                      **Sunday:** 142

**This Week at Grace....**

<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	New Year’s Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Next Sunday</b>	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>	Keith Pobanz/Stu Endorf
<b>ORGANIST:</b>	Rebekah Pobanz
<b>CANTOR:</b>	Karl Heck
<b>TODAY’S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Mike & Kyla Endorf
	Mike & Kim Krecklow
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Kurt Haecker/Dave Gibson
	Duane Buss/Charlotte Smith
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Brody Sheeks
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Isabell Burson
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	Anne Turnbull
	In memory of Barney

**CHILD'S GLASSES:** If your child is missing their glasses they are on the desk in the office. They were found downstairs.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE:** We will be having our New Year's Eve Service on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

**FINAL UPDATE ON 2018 CHURCH FINANCES:** Our YTD offerings remain behind our budget for this year. As shared in recent weeks, we have had to use some money from savings to meet payroll and operating obligations. Please continue your support, and give prayerful consideration to providing some extra gifts before December 31 to help make up the year-to-date shortfall of about \$5,000.

With much gratitude, we have received the generous gift from the Ralph Laskowski trust. The gift has been set aside with intentions to use it to replace the parking lot with a concrete surface in the spring. If you wish to add a gift to the parking lot project, a special fund has been established. Simply use your Building Fund envelope and mark it "parking lot". Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

**HLHS NEWS:** On **Friday, January 25** Heartland Lutheran High School will host a visit day for all students in grades 5 - 8. Students will participate in classroom activities, have lunch, and play games with Heartland Lutheran students. This is their chance to see what Heartland Lutheran is all about.

On **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**, Heartland Lutheran High School is hosting an open house from 2:00 - 5:00 pm for all students and families. Students and families can come and tour the campus, talk with teachers, parents, and students about their experiences, and get more information about our programs, activities, and more.