

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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“Blessed  
*is the*  
one  
*who comes*  
*in the*  
name  
*of the*  
Lord!”

*Mark 11:9, NRSV*

PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER  
DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD, 2017

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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<b><u>Divine Service with Communion each Saturday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.
<b><u>Divine Service with Communion each Sunday</u></b>	9:00 a.m.
<b><u>Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall</u></b>	10:00 a.m.
<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>	10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)
<b><u>Adult and High School Bible Class</u></b>	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.

# DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE – Page 184

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent -- December 3rd, 2017*

Pre Service Music “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

Hymn “Prepare the Royal Highway” #343

Confession and Absolution – p. 184

Introit (*Cantor/Choir*)



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

**To you, | O LORD,\***

**I lift | up my soul.**

*O my God, in you I trust; let me not be / put to shame,\*  
let not my enemies exult / over me.*

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame,\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

**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.*

Kyrie – p. 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**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.



**G** A - men.

## Anthem

## “Beside Thy Manger Here I Stand”

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual (is sung by the Choir)

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 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to

the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

### Verse (sung by the Choir)

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

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

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

**Nicene Creed – (Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)**

**Hymn – “Savior of the Nations, Come”  
(Choir will sing verses 3 & 6)**

**# 332**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory – p. 192**

**Prayers of the Church:**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**G** hear our prayer.

**Preface, Proper Preface, Sanctus – p. 194 - 195**

**Lord’s Prayer p. – 196**

**Words of Institution – p. 197**

**Pax Domini – p. 197**

**Agnus Dei -- p. 198**

**Communion Hymns – #’s 643, 351, 359**

**Nunc Dimittis – p. 199**

**Thanksgiving – p. 200**

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**Salutation/Benedicamus – 201/202**

**Benediction – p. 202**

**Hymn “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” # 348**



**CHURCH FINANCES- The latest:** Over the past number of weeks, we have made progress. We do, however, remain behind budget about \$6,500 with YTD offerings. As a result, we have had to “borrow” from our building fund to pay for some operating expenses. Thru Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, Year to Date general offerings total slightly more than \$198,000 or an average of \$4,215/wk over 47 weeks. Our budget is \$4,350/wk.

Over the final 5 weeks, we need gifts of about \$28,000 or \$5,600/wk to meet our weekly obligations and to shrink the YTD deficit so we can repay our “borrowed money” and have it available during the lower giving months of January-April. Please continue to prayerfully consider how your household can help us make up our current shortfall. Thank you much for all the support, and may everyone have a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

**GRACE GUILD:** Don't forget the Guild Christmas Party is **MONDAY**, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**ADVENT SUPPER & SERVICE:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 we will be having a variety of soups. Advent Service will follow at 7:00pm.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm will be our Sunday School Christmas Program. **THEY WILL HAVE PRACTICE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:30AM AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED:** We need a teacher for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade class beginning in January. If you would be interested and could help us, please talk to Vicki Bartels. Thank you.

**2018 CALENDARS NEEDED:** If you would like to donate 2018 calendars for residents of the local nursing homes, there is a box on top of the coat rack (marked greeting cards) outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your help.