

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

Second Sunday in Advent

Divine Service, Setting Four

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Pre Service Music

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Introit (*Italics: Cantor, Bold: Choir*)



*The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:**

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

*I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

"But my people did not listen | to my voice;*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,
that Israel would walk | in my ways!*

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 voice of one crying in the | wilderness:**

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be

enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Senior Choir Anthem

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual is sung by Senior Choir (Sunday)

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

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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 Choir (Sunday)*

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-14

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

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came

to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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: 104

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Christmas Caroling	following lunch
Wednesday	Advent Supper	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir	6:00 p.m.
	Advent Service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	SS Children's Christmas Practice	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	SS Children's Service	7:00 p.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:		
ELDERS ON DUTY:	Mike Krecklow/Keith Pobanz/Dave Plond	
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Gretchen Buss	
CHOIR:	Senior Choir	
CANTORS:	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel	
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Dave and Lynnette Gibson	
	Alice Bartlett/Bruce Bluhm	
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Roger and Rosalie Roscoe	
	Jon and Vickie Paulman	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:	Lila Yager/Gavin Link	
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Agnes Muhlbach	

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: This year's Sunday School Christmas Service will be held on **December 13th at 7:00 pm.** The next practice of the service is **December 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ~ TODAY: We will be going Christmas Caroling today. Each family attending is asked to bring a pot of soup to share for lunch and we will be leaving the church between 12:30 and 1:00 to visit our shut in members.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: The 2016 Radio Sponsorship sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you would like to sponsor a radio sermon. Cost is \$45.

CHURCH FINANCES: As of end of November, there are 4 giving weeks remaining in 2015. Our YTD budget through November is \$204,000; however our gifts have totaled about \$181,000...leaving a budget deficit of about \$23,000. Thus, we are not only in need of the \$4,250 weekly budget (or \$17,000 in December), but it is critical for us to shrink the YTD deficit as well. We have borrowed \$13,000 from our building fund to pay our operating bills, but the building fund has been depleted. The risk is high for the need to borrow from the bank during the lower giving months of January-April if we are not able to replenish some savings yet this year. Please prayerfully consider how your household can help us make up the deficit in our operating budget. Thank you for your support.

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY: All women of the congregation are invited to the LWML Christmas party. It will be held on Monday, Dec. 14th at 6:30. The catered meal will consist of brisket, au gratin potatoes, green beans w/ almonds, lettuce salad and dessert. Cost will be \$10.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board today if you plan on attending so we can get a count to the caterers.

Please bring along your favorite cup from home. We will be playing a game with them.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE: On Wednesday, December 9th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society Students will be hosting a **Blood Drive** for the Red Cross. Please Contact the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 for a donation time.



We have ordered poinsettias. If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas, please fill out this form and place \$12.00 in "Poinsettia" envelope located on the counter in the narthex and drop it in the box outside Vicki's office or in the offering plate.

Name _____

To the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of _____
