

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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One who is
more powerful
than I is coming
after me:
I am not worthy
to carry his
sandals.

Matthew 3:11, NRSV



PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
DECEMBER 7TH & DECEMBER 8TH

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 KRGH—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 Four

2nd Sunday in Advent – December 8th, 2019

Opening Hymn “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” # 407

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Confession and Absolution

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



In the wilderness prepare the way / of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway / for our God.*

**Seek the LORD | and his strength,*
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that / he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he / uttered,*

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

*He is the / LORD our God;**
his judgments are in / all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**

**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.

In the wilderness prepare the way / of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway / for our God.*

Kyrie/ Gloria in Excelsis

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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 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.

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*sung by the Cantor*)

*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

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of

our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Saturday)

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

Verse of the Day (*sung by the Cantor*)

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” # 344
(Cantor sings vs. 3)

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface, Sanctus **p. 208**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer p. 209

Words of our Lord, Pax Domini **p. 209**

Agnus Dei **p. 210**

Communion Hymns #’s 642, 375, 357

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Benedicamus/Benediction **p. 212**

Closing Hymn “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” # 405

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: 24

Sunday: 113

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Caroling	11:30 a.m.
Monday	Guild Christmas Party	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Advent Supper	5:30-6:30p.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:	Karl Heck/Stu Endorf
SATURDAY ORGANIST:	Cindy Kemp
SUNDAY ORGANIST:	Shawn Pfanstiel
CANTOR:	Karl Heck
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Dave Gibson/Ron Bliss
	Mike & Kim Krecklow
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Lynnette Gibson/Kaleb Ivers
	Steve & Debra Heider
TODAY'S DOOR MONITOR:	Andy Gudgel
NEXT WEEKS DOOR MONITOR:	Mark Liess
CRUCIFER:	Gavin Link
ACOLYTE:	Carreagan Endorf
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	St. Paul's, Doniphan

HLHS DELEGATE: There is one opening for a HLHS delegate for 2020. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jesse Bartels.

RADIO SPONSORS 2020: It's that time of year again, to sign up for 2020 radio sponsor slots. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Spots are \$45. There are **2 spots** available. **Please make sure to write "radio" on your check or envelope when paying so that the counters can list on their deposit sheet and I can mark you off as paid.**

CHURCH CAROLING: Caroling is **TODAY**, Dec. 8th after Bible Study. Each family should bring a pot of soup and your singing voices. We will eat lunch right after Bible Study and divide into groups to go caroling to our shut ins. This is such a fulfilling afternoon as our shut ins appreciate this so very much. It's a fun time for the whole family. They all especially enjoy it when we have kids with us. Please consider joining us this year. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Kemp.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 22nd at 11am. They will be practicing during the Sunday School hour the next few weeks.

THANK YOU: Dear members of Grace, Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, beautiful cards, gifts, and words of encouragement after my hip surgery. Also for the prayers and sympathy cards at the time of my brother John's death. They were all truly appreciated. Last, but not least my thanks to you, Pastor Bremer, for your prayers before and after surgery. In Christ our Savior, Anne Turnbull

HLHS NEWS: The Heartland Lutheran High School Winter Music Concert is Dec 15 at 4pm in the HLHS Gym. Please join us!

Heartland Lutheran High School is now taking applications for the 2019-2020 second semester and the 2020-2021 school year. Turn in your application by Monday, December 16, 2019 and have the application and Start-Up fees forgiven upon enrollment. Contact the office: 308-385-3900 or office@heartlandlutheran.org for more information.

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

UPDATE ON CHURCH FINANCES: Now into December, please note our YTD offerings are a little behind our budget. We'll need to use funds from savings to stay current with our bills if our weekly offerings aren't increased this month. As the year end is fast approaching, please continue your support, and prayerfully consider how your household can help us finish favorably for the year. Gifts of stock or required retirement distributions can also be arranged. Thank you, Kurt Haecker, Treasurer