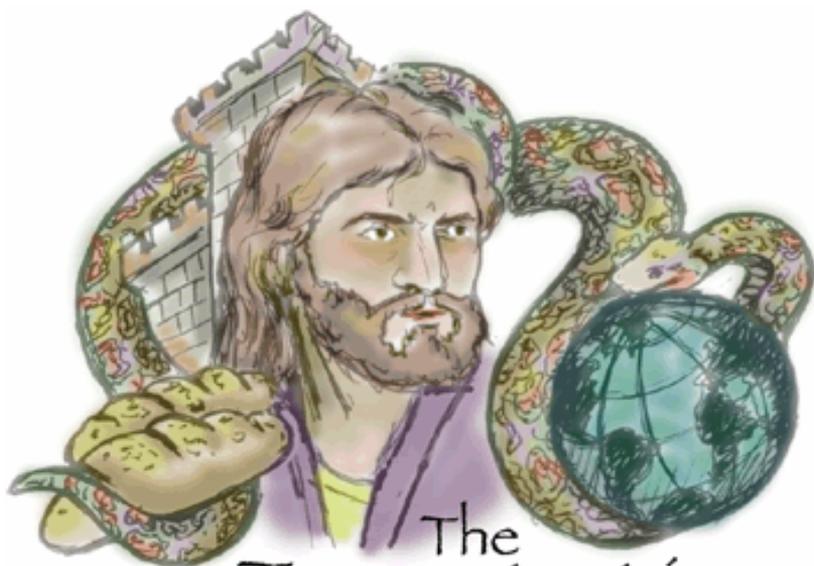


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**JANUARY 23/24, 2016**

# 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.



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Anthem**

## **God Has Given Us His Word**

### **Old Testament Reading**

### ***Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10***

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

<sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual for the Third Sunday after Epiphany** *(Cantor Sunday)*

*Praise the Lord, all | nations!\**

*Extol him, all | peoples!*

*For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\**

*and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name,\**

*bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!*

## **Epistle**

## **1 Corinthians 12:12–31a**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

<sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked

it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** is sung by the congregation (Saturday)

**Verse of the Day** is sung by the cantor (Sunday)

*Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.*

## **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 4:16–30**

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

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

<sup>16</sup>And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were

coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

<sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

<sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

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

**Prayers**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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: 26**

**Sunday: 106**

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

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	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.

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THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:

ELDERS ON DUTY:

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Gretchen Buss

CHOIR:

Junior Choir

CANTORS:

Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel

TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:

Stu Endorf/Ralph Laskowski

Josh Gibson/Kaleb Ivers

NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:

Gibsons/Heiders

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:

Cecily McGuan/Brynn Saddler

RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:

St. Paul's, Doniphan

**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.

**HLHS** invites you to **ASSOCIATION CONGREGATION basketball nights!** We would love to have many people from our association congregations join us for Red Hornet basketball at HLHS on Thursday, Jan. 28 and Friday, Feb. 12. The Red Hornets take on Central Valley on Jan. 28 and Burwell on Feb. 12. The girls' varsity game begins at 6:00 pm, followed by the boys' varsity.

**2016 Red and Blue** Dinner and Auction to support Heartland Lutheran High School is quickly approaching. Don't wait to buy your tickets. A representative will be selling tickets at our congregation on January 17 & 24. You can also contact the school office directly at [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900) or purchase the tickets online at [www.heartlandlutheran.org](http://www.heartlandlutheran.org) and click on upcoming events. Tickets are \$60 each before February 12.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** On Tuesday, February 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 consider coming in to make a donation and helping them reach their goal of over 35 usable units (whole **blood** or double red cell donation appointments are available) -- reaching 35 usable units will make HLHS students eligible for a Scholarship through the Red Cross. So your donation will not only help the Community but HLHS students as well. This is our last chance to qualify for the scholarship, as we have not yet met our goal at the previous two drives. Please Contact the HLHS office at [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900) for a donation time.

**Zion Lutheran School** in Worms is seeking a preschool teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. LCMS background and experience preferred. Appx, 9-12 hours a week. Please call 308-687-6486 or email [zionlutheranworms@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutheranworms@gmail.com) for more information.