

Grace Lutheran Church

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Pastor Daniel G Bremer
Grace Lutheran Church
60th Anniversary Celebration
January 10, 2016

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

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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: God is Here

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: Wednesday, January 13, 9:30 a.m. at church. All women are invited for Bible Study and fellowship.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR will resume their regular schedule this Wednesday. Come join us.

asked to bring a main dish and a vegetable, salad or dessert. If you are visiting with us today, please join us, there is always plenty of food.



Thank You To Vicki Bartels for over 15 years of service to our Lord and Grace Lutheran serving as church secretary extraordinaire. She went above and beyond any job description and will be missed in this role!!

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.

THANKS to Trinity Lutheran School 6-8th graders, director Robyn Seim and all of the parents who brought their children to sing today. You are welcome to join us for fellowship time and Sunday School following the service.

The HLHS Delegate meeting for January has been moved to January 10. The meeting will be in the HLHS commons and will begin at 7:00 pm.

Heartland Lutheran High School is launching a youth basketball program that is free to all students in grades 2 through 5. Held on four Saturday mornings beginning on January 23, the first session for students in grades 2 & 3 will be from 9:00-10:00 while the second session for students in grades 4 & 5 will be from 10:30-11:30. HLHS coaches and players will be working with the students and guiding them through drills and games to better learn basketball. For complete information, please see www.heartlandlutheran.org. Registration is needed by January 20.

The 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 and click on upcoming events. Tickets are \$60 each before February 12.

MARY/SARAH CIRCLE: Monday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All women are invited for Bible Study and fellowship.

I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual is sung by the choir

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will

never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Trinity Lutheran School Choir – Grades 6-8

"Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon" arranged by Jean Shafferman

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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: 24

Sunday: 118

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Potluck/Celebration	11:45 a.m.
Monday	Mary/Sarah Circle	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Elizabeth Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service (Mite Box Sunday)	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:

ELDERS ON DUTY:

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:

Gretchen Buss

CHOIR:

CANTORS:

Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel

TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:

Roger Sweley/Duane Buss

Charlotte Smith/Sandy Yager

NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:

Mike & Kyla Endorf

Evonne Wageman/Janet Peterman

ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:

Sammi Hoos/Kyle Sheeks

RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:

St. Pauls, Doniphan, NE

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES: The new pictorial directories will be handed out today as part of our 60th Anniversary celebration!

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS: The 2016 Radio Sponsorship sheet is posted on the bulletin board. There are three dates still open. (February 28, July 3, & December 4) Please sign up if you would like to sponsor a radio sermon. Cost is \$45.

60TH ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK: We will be having a congregational potluck lunch in honor of our 60th Anniversary today. Each family is