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The Parable of the Sower

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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

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Hymn “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ”

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Confession and Absolution – p. 184

Introit (Cantor/Congregation)



The LORD is merciful and / gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in / steadfast love.*

As for man, his days | are like grass;*
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and / it is gone,
and its place knows / it no more.*

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children’s | children,
to those who keep his / covenant*
and remember to do his com- / mandments.**

**The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.**

**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.**

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slow to anger and abounding in / steadfast love.*

Kyrie – p. 186

Hymn of Praise – p. 187 “Glory in Excelsis”

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



R And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(sung by the Cantor)*

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- / edge of God!**

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable / his ways!

*For from him and through him and to him are / all things.**

To him be glory forever. / Amen.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Saturday)



Verse (*Sung by the Cantor*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”... ¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed– (Inside back cover of hymnal)

Hymn – “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

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Sermon

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Prayers of the Church:

☐ Lord, in Your mercy,

☑ hear our prayer.

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Hymn – “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

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VBS this year will be **July 24th-27th, from 5:30-8pm.**

The theme is Mighty Fortress and the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We will be serving a light meal each night from 5:30-6:30pm. There are 2 ways to register this year. There are registration forms in the Fellowship Hall on the table by the entrance. We are also accepting online youth and volunteer registrations. The web address is <http://www.gracelcmsgi.org>. The link can be found in the bottom right corner of the home page under Announcements. Be sure to pass along to your friends and neighbors as well as on your social media accounts. Please have your registration completed by **SUNDAY JULY 23rd**. Prayerfully consider volunteering to assist with VBS. We are in need of volunteers for all aspects of the program. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Sherry Thuer, Barb Sheeks or Sandy Yager.



The Young Adults Group will be having a Garage Sale **on Saturday, October 7th, from 8am-3pm** here at Grace. We will be accepting donations from now until October 1st. Please contact Brynn Saddler, Brody Sheeks, or any of the youth involved with the Young Adults Group

HEARTLAND NEWS: HLHS is hosting "Hogs & Dogs" on **July 22nd**, which is a motorcycle poker run beginning at noon, supper at 6:00pm & a parking lot dance from 7:00-10:30 with Luke Mills. Poker Run entry fee is \$15, Dinner is \$5, and the dance is \$10, or all three for \$25. There will also be a beer garden during the dance. All proceeds from the dinner, dance and drinks will benefit Lutheran Family Services At Ease & Buddy Check programs to help our veterans.

HEARTLAND LUTHERAN'S QUILTS & CARS EVENT: The event this year will be on **OCTOBER 7TH**. We would love your crafts, quilts, home grown & homemade goodies to sell again this year. Thank you for your support in this fundraiser for Tuition Assistance.