

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Matthew 13:24-30**

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# 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.

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Hymn

“Lord of Our Life ”

# 659

Confession and Absolution – p. 184

Introit (*Cantor/Congregation*)



*Give ear, O LORD, / to my prayer;\**  
*listen to my / plea for grace.*

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth;\***  
**unite my heart to | fear your name.**

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with / my whole heart,\**  
*and I will glorify your name for- / ever.*

**For great is your steadfast | love toward me;\***

**you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.**

*O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men*  
*/ seek my life,\**

*and they do not set you be- / fore them.*

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,\***

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.**

**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.**

*Give ear, O LORD, / to my prayer;\**

*listen to my / plea for grace.*

Kyrie – p. 186

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

**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 8:18–27*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia (Saturday)



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Verse (Sung by the Cantor)

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43*

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed– (Inside back cover of hymnal)**

**Hymn – “In Holy Conversation”**

**# 772**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory – p. 192**

**Prayers of the Church:**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**Preface, Proper Preface, Sanctus – p. 194 - 195**

**Lord’s Prayer – p. 196**

**Words of Institution – p. 197**

**Pax Domini – p. 197**

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**Hymn – “Built on the Rock”**

**# 645**





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

The theme is Mighty Fortress and the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 **TODAY, SUNDAY JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

**HEARTLAND LUTHERAN'S QUILTS & CARS EVENT:** The event this year will be on **OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**. 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.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** There are several copies left of the current Portals of Prayer on the back counter in the Narthex.