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JUNE 18TH & 19TH, 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 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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Two

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Hymns

#533

#846 (Cantor sings vs 2)

#618 #528 #623

#521

Introit (*Italic-Cantor, Bold-Congregation*) (*Saturday congregation sings*)



*Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;**
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my
| fortress.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will
revive | me again;*

from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.

*You will increase my | greatness**
and comfort | me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my
God;*

I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.

*My lips will shout for joy, when I sing prais- | es to you;**
my soul also, which you | have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long,*
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought
to | do me hurt.

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.

*Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;**
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my
| fortress.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." ⁸Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual *is sung by the cantor*

The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,
the word of faith that | we proclaim.*

For with the heart one believes and is | justified,
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.*

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *is sung by the congregation Saturday*

Verse *is sung by the cantor Sunday*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

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

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.

²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had

commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.)³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him.³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed.³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Theme:

"Faith has come!"

Prayers

P Lord, in Your mercy

C **Hear our prayer**

****We thank Pastor John Reehl for leading us in worship this weekend.**

****Orphan Grain Train will be collecting a free will offering following the Sunday morning Worship Service.**



If you or an immediate member of your family has served, or is currently serving in the US Military, we would like to encourage you to submit a photo. We are asking for a wallet, or 4x6 photo (2 or 3) of you or them to place on the bulletin board downstairs. We will display pictures thru July 4th. Any questions, please contact Mark or Sherry Thuer at 308-379-9507 or the church office. On behalf of the Young Adults Group, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Vacation Bible School: Feed My Lambs

At Grace Lutheran Church for ages 3-11yrs old.

Date/Time: July 25th-28th 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Registration forms for VBS can be found in the Fellowship Hall or the church office. Please return the forms to the church or Sherry Thuer as soon as possible. This will allow us to get a good estimate of attendance. The Young Adults Group will serve a lite meal each night of VBS. *They will only be serving the children who are participating and their escort(s) in the VBS event. Serving time for the meal will be at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Sherry Thuer at 308-379-6090 or the church office.



Heartland Lutheran High School Delegate Assembly Meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7pm in the commons at Heartland Lutheran High School.

The main item on the agenda for this meeting is the election of board members.

MISSING KEYS: A set of keys that was hanging in the janitor closet for the paper towel holders is missing. Please keep an eye out for them.