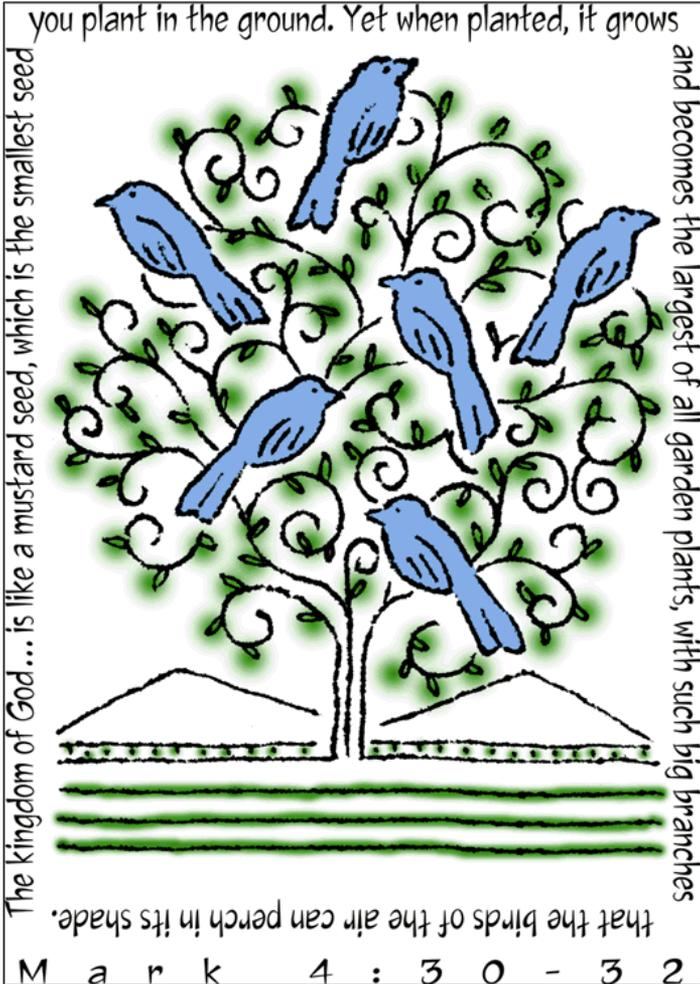


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 13/14, 2015

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 am.

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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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Two

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Hymns

#834

#500

#680 #892

#577

Introit *is sung by the congregation*



It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.
They are planted in the house | of the LORD;*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.
They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.
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.
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual is sung by the congregation

**Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.**

**On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse *is sung by the congregation*

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the

full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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.**

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Monday	LWML Executive Board Meeting	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.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:		
ELDERS ON DUTY:	Mike Krecklow, Keith Pobanz, Mark Liess	
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Gretchen Buss	
CHOIR:		
CANTORS:	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel	
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Marilyn Fischer, Lydia Rippe Karl and Paula Heck	
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Charlotte Smith/Sandy Yager Bruce Bluhm/Alice Bartlett	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:	Isabelle Hoos/Brody Sheeks	
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Doniphan	

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: Sunday: 89
 Sunday School Attendance: Sunday School Offering: \$

Last Week's Offerings

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund \$3,787.00
 Other Offerings \$1,912.00
 Birthday/Anniversary Gifts \$.00
 Total Received \$5,699.00

General Fund \$90,119.57
 Other Offerings \$7,920.83
 Birthday/Anniversary Gifts \$532.00
 Total Received \$98,572.40

Weekly Budget

Year to Date Budget

General Fund Needed \$4,250.00
 General Fund Difference -\$463.50

General Fund Needed \$97,750.00
 General Fund Difference -\$7,630.43

CHURCH PROJECT

	Amount Needed	Gifts Received
Fellowship Hall Roof	\$50,000.00	\$38,992.27

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have our website up and running. Be sure to check it out. You can listen to each week's sermons and download weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters among other things.

www.gracelcmgsi.org

**There will be no Saturday evening service on June 20th and July 4th.
There will be no Sunday School on July 5th.**

CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES

During the Crime Prevention presentation Monday evening we discussed security freezes on your credit reports to help prevent ID thefts. If you would like to know more about this, we have information sheets in the office.

VBS

VBS has been scheduled for July 13 – 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF DEBT

In order to pay for the \$50,000 roof project of the Fellowship Hall completed this spring, some wonderful gifts were made late last year and in recent weeks to put total received over \$37,000. However, some borrowed money remains to be repaid. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in retiring the debt over the next few months with cash or appreciated stock gifts while also continuing to provide your weekly support for our ongoing operating expenses. Your past and continued support is greatly appreciated!

If you wish to know more details, please contact Kurt Haecker, Treasurer.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this month? If so, we invite you to help continue a recent tradition. As you celebrate, please make a special gift to Grace Lutheran in the amount of years you have been blessed. All special gifts in 2015 will be used toward the cost of repairing the fellowship hall roof.