

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*A man had a fig tree planted in  
his vineyard; and he came  
looking for fruit on it ...*

LUKE 13:6, NRSV

**PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER  
MARCH 23RD & 24TH, 2019**

# 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.



**P** Let us pray. O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Anthem**

**“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”**

*(text: Martin Luther; music: Austin C. Lovelace)*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 33:7–20*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his

righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (sung by the Choir)

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse** (*Omitted During Lent*)

## Verse of the Day (is sung by the Choir)

[The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 13:1-9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

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

## Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn “May God Bestow on Us His Grace” # 823

(Choir sings vs. 2 )

## Sermon

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church:

**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Closing Hymn	“Go to Dark Gethsemane” # 436

**\*\*Special thanks to Vicar Bader for leading us in worship\*\***

**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: 23                      Sunday: 127**

**This Week at Grace....**

<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lenten Supper	5:30-6:30 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

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**THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING**

<b>ELDERS ON DUTY:</b>	Keith Pobanz/Mark Liess
<b>ORGANIST:</b>	Shawn Pfanstiel
<b>CANTOR:</b>	Karl Heck
<b>TODAY’S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Karl & Paula Heck
	Evonne Wageman/Janet Petermann
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Stu Endorf/Bruce Bluhm
	Dean Bierhaus/Marilyn Fischer
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Kyle Sheeks
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Maleigh Avila
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	Eunice Evans
	In memory of Don

**EASTER LILLIES:** If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily this year, they will be \$12 and there are **9 LEFT TO PURCHASE**. **The LAST day to purchase one will be Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. The forms are on the back counter along with envelopes. If you are paying by check, please make sure to write "Easter Lily" on the memo line.

**GUILD FRIENDSHIP SUPPER:** All members of the congregation are invited to attend Grace Guild's Friendship Supper on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm**. Debbie Spaulding, will do a presentation on Japan. Guild members will provide sandwiches and salads. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**GUILD NEWS:** Please note that the Mary/Sarah Circle meeting in April has been moved to **APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone for your cards, visits, phone calls and prayers. They are all very much appreciated. Also thank you Pastor for all your visits. Eunice Evans

**FLOOD DONATIONS:** We will once again be taking up a collection this weekend to help those affected by the flooding in Nebraska.

**GUILD THANK YOU:** The Mary/Sarah and Elizabeth Circles would like to thank the congregation for their support of our "Mite Box Challenge". Thanks to all of you we raised an incredible \$155.80 to go towards our National Grant Offerings. Once again, our brothers and sisters at Grace rose to the occasion. To God be the Glory.

**PARKING LOT PROJECT:** As approved by the Voter's last fall, plans are for the church parking lot to be replaced with a concrete surface. Also, some lighting will be added to the south side of the lot. The total project is expected to cost \$180,000. Following Easter, the work is to begin and is expected to take 2-3 weeks, depending on weather. We hope to avoid any debt for this major improvement as we will use \$150,000 set aside from Ralph Laskowski's 2018 generous gift as our primary source of funds. We also have another \$5,000+ from others in our "parking lot fund". We hope to get this fund to \$30,000 to cover all the project costs. All gifts are appreciated. You can use your Building Fund envelope and mark it "parking lot". Or if you wish to give a stock gift or IRA distribution directly to Grace Lutheran Church, please visit with me. Thank you for your support!  
Kurt Haecker