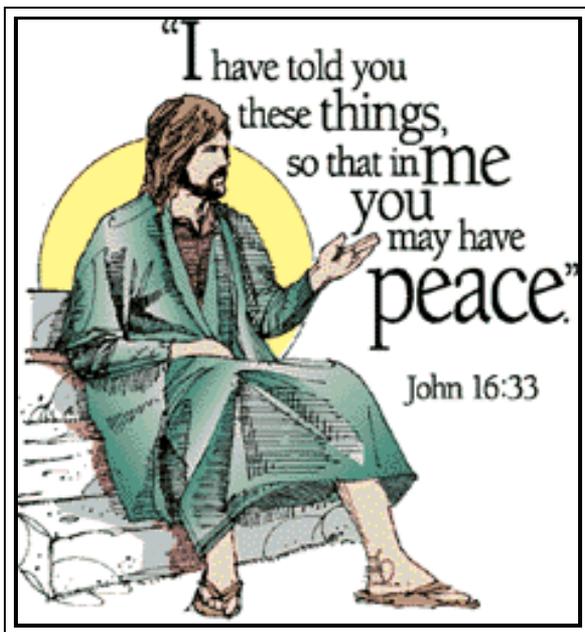


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>/MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016

# 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.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Divine Service, Setting Three

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*Introit* (Bold: Congregation)



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all  
gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,\*  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*  
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,  
who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray... Almighty God, Your Son revealed Himself to Philip and James and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, and steadfastly to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the

same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Acts 16:9–15*

<sup>9</sup> A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual is sung by the congregation*

**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,\*who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,\*and their words to the ends | of the world.**

### **Epistle**

*Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried

me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** *is sung by the congregation*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 16:23–33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

<sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do

not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."  
<sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

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

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

### Prayers

**P** Lord, in Your mercy

**C hear our prayer**

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:**

**Sunday: 116**

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

Today.	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Ascension Day Service	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.

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**THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:**

**ELDERS ON DUTY:**

Stu Endorf/Dean Bierhaus

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:**

Shawn Pfanstiel

**CANTORS:**

Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel

**TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:**

Mike & Kim Krecklow

Marilyn Fischer/Lydia Ripe

**NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:**

Roger Sweley/Duane Buss

Charlotte Smith/Sandy Yager

**CRUCIFER:**

Gavin Link

**ACOLYTE:**

Brynn Saddler

**RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:**

St. Pauls, Doniphan

**BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH?** You are invited to help continue a tradition at Grace Lutheran if you have a birthday or anniversary this month. As you celebrate, please make a special gift to the church in the amount of years you have been blessed.

**HLHS Blue Cross Society 2016 Advancement Campaign** is continuing to accept your pledges to foster and promote the operation of HLHS by providing ongoing financial support. Thank you for supporting a Christ-centered education to our young men and women. So far our donations and pledges have reached \$19,420!!



HLHS is hosting a **Go Big GIVE Bash and Prayer Walk on Tuesday, May 3**. Go Big GIVE is an annual giving day in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick Counties. It is sponsored by the Grand Island Community Foundation and the Heartland United Way. The HLHS Foundation is again sponsoring in this event. Would you consider giving to support HLHS through this event? In order to draw attention to this giving opportunity, HLHS is having a special event that evening with delicious food, student entertainment, and a presentation on the awesome things that can be done through estate planning. The event is free, but reservations are needed. On the same day, HLHS is hosting a 16 hour prayer walk. We are looking for volunteers to take a 20 minute time slot between 6 am and 10 pm to come and walk around the HLHS football field and pray. It's 16 hours because that is one hour for every year HLHS has operated. Just call our office at 308-385-3900 to volunteer or make reservations!

**ATTENTION:** Are you missing any pans in your kitchen at home? We have several that haven't been picked up from Easter breakfast. Please stop by the kitchen and see if any of them are yours. Thanks!



Grace Lutheran Church Members are invited to celebrate with Keith & Jeri Pobanz as Micah graduates this May. Open House will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 2pm-6pm 4793 W Old Potash Hwy. Please

RSVP by calling Jeri at 308-218-9166 or email at [keith.jeri.pobanz@gmail.com](mailto:keith.jeri.pobanz@gmail.com)