

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**MAY 7TH / MAY 8TH, 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.

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Pre service Music: "Lift Your Voice with Joy and Thanksgiving"  
"How Great Thou Art"

Hymns

#592

#539 (*Choir sings vs. 2*)

#680 #700 #616

#648

The order of Holy Baptism is on page 268 in the front of the hymnal

**Introit** (*Italics: Cantor, Bold: Choir*)



Hear my cry, | O God,\*

*listen | to my prayer;*

**for you have been my | refuge,\***

**a strong tower against the | enemy.**

*For you, O God, have | heard my vows;\**

*you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your name.*

**Prolong the life | of the king;\***

**may his years endure to all gener- | ations!**

*May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;\**

*appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!*

**So will I ever sing praises | to your name,\***

**as I perform my vows day | after day.**

**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.**

*Hear my cry, | O God,\**

*listen | to my prayer;*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray... O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

**Anthem: "Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor"**

**First Reading**

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

<sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer,

together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

<sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.' <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two

you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

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

**Gradual** *is sung by the choir*

*Christ has risen | from the dead.\**

*[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.*

**Epistle**

*Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20*

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

<sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

<sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.<sup>6</sup>And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

<sup>12</sup>Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take

the water of life without price. <sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**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 choir Sunday*

*Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 17:20–26*

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

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

<sup>20</sup>[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**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: 125**

**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.
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:** Gretchen Buss

**CHOIR:** Senior Choir

**CANTORS:** Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel

**TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:** Roger Sweley/Duane Buss

Charlotte Smith/Sandy Yager

**NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:** Mike & Kyla Endorf

Evonne Wageman/Janet Petermann

**CRUCIFER:** Gavin Link

**ACOLYTE:** Brynn Saddler

**RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:** Louise Williams

**We welcome in to the family of God by the waters of Holy Baptism, Arizona Lynn Burson. Arizona is the daughter of Sapphire and Anthony Burson.**

**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!!



Grace Lutheran Church Members are invited to celebrate with Keith & Jeri Pobanz as Micah graduates! . Open House will be **TODAY, 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)

**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!

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** We will be going bowling Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm. We will be meeting here at church and then going to Super Bowl. If you or your parents have any questions please call the church office or Mark Thuer at 308-379-9507.

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Please do not forget we have been asked to do a little painting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the church. We will begin at 2:00pm and finish by 4:00pm. We will meet downstairs for this event. Do not forget you need old clothes and shoes. If you have any questions, please call Mark Thuer at 308-379-9507. Blessings on your upcoming week!