

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Hymns

#644 Choir sings vs. 3

#539 Choir sings vs. 2

#640 #701

#818

Pre Service Music

"Praise the Lord, All the Earth"

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



*Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;**
be gracious to me and | answer me!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?

*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his |
temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift
me high up- | on a rock.

*For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,**
but the LORD will | take me in.

Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the
LORD!

Glorify 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, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;**
be gracious to me and | answer me!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **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.

C **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

"Sing Praise to Christ"

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"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. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(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. ¹⁹And 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.) ²⁰"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.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

²²beginning 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.”²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ 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 (Sunday)*

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

1 John 5:9–15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19

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

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

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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.**

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.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:	Dave Plond/Dean Bierhaus/Keith Pobanz	
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Gretchen Buss	
CHOIR:	Senior Choir	
CANTORS:	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel	
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Ralph Laskowski/Stu Endorf Mike and Kyla Endorf	
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Mark Liess/Dean Bierhaus Roger and Rosalie Roscoe	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:	Miranda Hoos/Elizabeth Huggins	
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Doniphan	

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: 18 Sunday: 131
 Sunday School Attendance: 7 Sunday School Offering: \$5.90

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund	\$3,645.50
Other Offerings	\$167.00
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$0.00
Total Received	\$3,812.50

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund	\$76,390.91
Other Offerings	\$5,642.83
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$516.00
Total Received	\$82,549.74

Weekly Budget

General Fund Needed	\$4,250.00
General Fund Difference	-\$604.50

Year to Date Budget

	\$80,750.00
	-\$4,359.09

CHURCH PROJECT

	Amount Needed	Gifts Received
Fellowship Hall Roof	\$50,000.00	\$22,162.46

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

YOU ARE INVITED

Grace Lutheran LWML is inviting you to attend a Crime Prevention presentation by Officer Butch Hurst of the Grand Island Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. Home security and ID theft will be two of the items discussed. It will be held on Monday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

VBS

VBS has been scheduled for July 13 – 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please contact Barb Sheeks or Sherry Thuer if you would like to help.

FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF REPAIRED; GIFTS NEEDED

Just prior to Easter, the contractor finished up on the replacement roof on the fellowship hall and restrooms so we are prepared for spring showers. Now, we are in need of some special gifts to pay for the nearly \$50,000 project. We have paid for the repairs, but have borrowed money to do so.

Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in retiring the debt over the next few months while also continuing to provide your weekly support for our ongoing operating expenses. Your past and continued support is greatly appreciated!

If you have questions, please contact Karl Heck, President, or 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.