

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**MAY 20TH & 21ST, 2017**

# 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.

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We welcome today, by the waters of Holy Baptism, Kendall Marie Perez, daughter of Kaleigh Utley & Jose Perez

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### Service of the Word

Introit (Cantor/Congregation)



*Your word is a lamp / to my feet\*  
and a light / to my path.*

**Forever, O | LORD, your word\*  
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.**

*Your faithfulness endures to all gener- / ations; \*  
you have established the earth, and it / stands fast.*

**By your appointment they | stand this day,\*  
for all things are your | servants.**

*If your law had not been / my delight,\*  
I would have perished in my af- / fliction.*

**I will never forget your | precepts,\*  
for by them you have giv- | en me life.**

**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.**

*Your word is a lamp / to my feet\*  
and a light / to my path.*

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### First Reading

*Acts 17:16–31*

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope

that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Cantor*)

*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 Peter 3:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Verse (*Cantor*)

*Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

*John 14:15–21*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

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



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

Hymn of the Day “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” # 556

*(Cantor duet vss. 4 & 8)*

Sermon

Nicene Creed

*(Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)*

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Prayers of the Church:

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Service of the Sacrament

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### 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: 25                      Sunday: 169**

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

# This Week at Grace....

<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Ascension Day (Communion) Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
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<b>THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING</b>		
<b>ELDERS ON DUTY:</b>	Keith Pobanz/Mark Liess	
<b>ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Gretchen Buss	
<b>CANTORS:</b>	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel	
<b>CHOIR:</b>	Junior Choir	
<b>TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Roger & Rosalie Roscoe Evonne Wageman/Janet Petermann	
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Jon & Vickie Paulman Duane & Marcia Fowler	
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Jehron Soto	
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Miranda Hoos	
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	Louise Williams	

**ATTENTION:** There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION TRINITY SCHOOL PARENTS:** There will be a meeting **TODAY**, May 21<sup>st</sup>, after church in the Sanctuary.

**GREETING CARD ORDERS:** The guild is taking Dayspring Card Orders until **TODAY, May 21st**. The catalog and order forms are in the narthex. Any questions, please contact Cindy Kemp.

**JANITOR POSITION:** Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, the church will be looking for an individual to fill the role of part-time janitor. Hours are roughly 8-10 per week. Individual will be responsible for general upkeep of the inside of the church. This includes vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning bathrooms and other associated duties to insure the church is ready for Sunday services. Individual will receive compensation or have this applied toward tuition of Trinity or Heartland Students.