

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY 23/24, 2015

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.

Day of Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Two

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Hymns

#502

#497

#641 #498

#503

Introit *is sung by the congregation*



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you |
made them all;*

the earth is full of your | creatures.

These all | look to you,*

to give them their food in due | season.

When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;*

when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,*

and you renew the face | of the ground.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*

and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual is sung by the congregation

I will pour out my Spirit | on all flesh,*

and your sons and your daughters shall | prophesy.

With the heart one believes and is | justified,*

and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great

and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *is sung by the congregation*

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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

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

²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴. ” I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

This Week at Grace....

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| 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. |
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| THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING: | | |
| ELDERS ON DUTY: | Dave Plond/Dean Bierhaus/Keith Pobanz | |
| SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST: | Shawn Pfanstiel | |
| CHOIR: | | |
| CANTORS: | Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel | |
| TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS: | Mark Liess/Dean Bierhaus Roger and Rosalie Roscoe | |
| NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: | Ron Bliss/Tony Budnick Jon and Vickie Paulman | |
| ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: | Miranda Hoos/Elizabeth Huggins | |
| RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR: | Andrew and Lila Gudge | |

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: Sunday: 151
 Sunday School Attendance: 7 Sunday School Offering: \$3.50

Last Week's Offerings

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund \$4,249.10
 Other Offerings \$45.00
 Birthday/Anniversary Gifts \$0.00
 Total Received \$4,294.10

General Fund \$80,640.01
 Other Offerings \$5,687.83
 Birthday/Anniversary Gifts \$516.00
 Total Received \$86,843.84

Weekly Budget

Year to Date Budget

General Fund Needed \$4,250.00
 General Fund Difference -\$.90

\$85,000.00
 -\$4,359.99

CHURCH PROJECT

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| | Amount Needed | Gifts Received |
| Fellowship Hall Roof | \$50,000.00 | \$37,166.27 |

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CONSTITUTION

A copy of our Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-laws has been put in your mailboxes. Please pick them up so we don't have to mail them out. Thank you.

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 DEBT

In order to pay for the \$50,000 roof project of the Fellowship Hall completed this spring, some wonderful gifts were made late last year and in recent weeks to put total received over \$37,000. However, some borrowed money remains to be repaid. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in retiring the debt over the next few months with cash or appreciated stock gifts while also continuing to provide your weekly support for our ongoing operating expenses. Your past and continued support is greatly appreciated!

If you wish to know more details, please contact 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.