

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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<b><u>Divine Service with Communion each Saturday</u></b>	7:00 p.m.
<b><u>Divine Service with Communion each Sunday</u></b>	9:00 a.m.
<b><u>Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall</u></b>	10:00 a.m.
<b><u>Sunday School</u></b>	10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)
<b><u>Adult and High School Bible Class</u></b>	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.



**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

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

**Gradual (sung by the Congregation)**

**These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\***

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.**

**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\***  
**in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

**Epistle**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who

have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse (Saturday/Sunday)**

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 25:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he

answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’<sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

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

**Nicene Creed** (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

**Hymn** “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” # 516

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church:**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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**Closing Hymn** “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” # 514





**UPDATE:** With about 2 months remaining in the year, here's an update on the finances of Grace Lutheran Church. While we are current with all bills, YTD offerings are behind this year's budget. Year to date (thru Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>) general offerings total just short of \$175,000 or an average of \$4,165/wk over 42 weeks...so we are lagging approximately \$8,000 below budget. As a result, we have had to "borrow" from our building fund to pay our operating expenses.

Prior to year end, we are not only in need of the \$4,350 weekly budget (or \$35,000 in Nov & Dec), but it is important for us to again shrink the YTD deficit as well so we can repay our "borrowed money" to have the funds available during the lower giving months of January-April. Please prayerfully consider how your household can help us make up the shortfall in our 2017 offerings. Thank you for your support!

**Kurt Haecker, Treasurer**



The Children's Christmas Program will be **DECEMBER 10th**. We are looking for someone to supervise and direct the service this year. The service has been selected and Vicki will take care of all the service bulletins, props, etc. Please contact Vicki if you would be willing to help.

**HLHS BLUE CROSS CELEBRATION:** The Blue Cross Celebration will be **TODAY**, November 12<sup>th</sup>, in the HLHS gym. This is a celebration of Lutheran Schools! Dr. Bernard Tonjes from Concordia University, Nebraska will be the guest speaker. A catered meal and a \$5000 matching gift opportunity will also be provided. Tickets are on sale NOW for only \$20 through the school office. Call 308-385-3900 for your tickets!

**HLHS NEWS:** HLHS will be holding a Quilts and Crafts Sale and Soup Lunch on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-1:30pm. We are in need of homemade goodies (crafts, festive cookies, baked goods, canned good and more). We also would like to challenge individual congregations to provide one kind of soup for us to serve and sell at the event. If you can help provide these items please contact the school office at 308-385-3900 and let us know.