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MY
WORDS
WILL NEVER
PASS
AWAY.

MARK 13:31, NIV



PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH, 2018

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 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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Opening Hymn

“Thy Strong Word”

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Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

Introit (is sung by the *Cantor/Choir*)



We are looking forward to a new heaven and a / new earth,
the home of / righteousness.*

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few / handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing be- / fore you.*

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- / gressions.
Do not make me the scorn / of the fool!*

**Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;*
hold not your peace | at my tears!**

**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.

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a / new earth,
the home of / righteousness.*

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast”

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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. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness

of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Anthem

“Father Eternal”

(text paraphrased from Psalms: music by George Friederich Handel)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (is sung by the Choir)

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

Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Alleluia (Saturday)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse of the Day (is sung by the Choir)

Gal. 6:2

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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UPDATE ON CHURCH FINANCES: With about six weeks remaining in the year, please note our YTD offerings are only slightly behind our budget. We have had to use some money from savings, but we are current on all bills. Please continue your support, and prayerfully consider how your household can help us stay on track (\$4,350/wk budget) and also make up the modest year to date shortfall.

Also it is with much gratitude to share with you that the wishes of Ralph Laskowski were for a significant bequest be made to Grace Lutheran Church following his death. We are expecting Ralph's gift in the near future, and intend to use it to replace the parking lot with a concrete surface next spring. If you wish to make a gift to the parking lot project, a special fund has been established. Simply mark your Building Fund envelope with "parking lot". Thank you!

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

THANK YOU: Dear Shawn & Choir: A heartfelt thank you and congratulations on a reflective and meaningful Reformation Celebrations Service. It touched our hearts that it was done in remembrance of Gretchen. She would have loved worshipping and praising God's eternal love with all of you.

Choir: Your anthems with your beautiful blended voices put the focus of God's gift of grace and salvation through the music of Martin Luther and many other composers.

Shawn: Your God given gifts as an organist and choir director truly reflect your faith in the Lord and your passion for music. Your own organ composition was so beautifully written and moving.

Thanks to all for serving the delicious meal after the service.

Finally, thanks to my family and Pastor here at Grace, for your prayers, love, and support through our journey of grief and healing. It has meant so much to us.

With deepest thanks and praise to God for all of you and His many blessings,

Duane Buss and family

RADIO SPONSOR SHEET: The 2019 Radio Sponsor sheet is up on the bulletin board. The cost is \$45. **There are 4 slots still open.**

GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Guild Christmas Party is **December 3rd at 6:30pm.** Please make note of this as it was originally scheduled for the 10th. Cost will be \$10.75 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The Heartland Lutheran Chorus will be our entertainment.