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NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH, 2017

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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

You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. ⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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 5:1–12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom

of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” # 676

Sermon

Offering

Remembering the Saints: (see insert)

Prayer of the Church:

P let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Words of our Lord, Pax Domini p. 209

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Communion Hymns #’s 640, 563, 659

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Closing Hymn “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” # 941



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 22nd) 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



UPDATE: I have volunteered for the Sunday School Superintendent position and will need help with the Children's Christmas Service. I would like someone to supervise and direct the service this year. The service has been selected and I will take care of all the service

bulletins, props, etc. Please contact me if you would be willing to help. Thank you!

Vicki Bartels

HLHS BLUE CROSS CELEBRATION: The Blue Cross Celebration will be Sunday, November 12th, 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!



It's that time of year again! If you would like to order a poinsettia, the cost is **\$12** and the order forms are on the back counter along with an envelope to place payment. If writing a check, please note it's for your poinsettia on your check. You can place the order form on Amy's desk in the office. Orders must be received **BEFORE DECEMBER 3RD**.