

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE

AND THE
TRUTH
SHALL MAKE YOU FREE!

JOHN 8:32

PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH, 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.

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Reformation Day (Observed) -- October 29th, 2017

Pre-Service Music “Crown Him With Many Thorns”

Opening Hymn “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” #766

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Confession and Absolution

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Introit (*Cantor/Choir*)



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, / [O Lord,]
and shall not be / put to shame.*

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*

his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

*My soul makes its boast / in the LORD;**

let the humble hear / and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

*The LORD redeems the life of his / servants;**

none of those who take refuge in him will / be condemned.

Glorify 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.

*I will speak of your testimonies before kings, / [O Lord,]**

and shall not be / put to shame.

Kyrie/ Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

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

C Amen.

Anthem

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by the Choir)

**Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!**

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Saturday)

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse (sung by the Choir)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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Sermon

Offering

Window Dedication (see insert)

Prayer of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
G hear our prayer.

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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



We are currently looking for someone who would like to supervise and direct this year's Children's Christmas Program. If you believe you would like to help with this project, please contact the church office or one of the Board of Education members: Kevin Liess, Mike Endorf or

Mark Thuer



The 2018 Radio Sponsor sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The cost will still be \$45.

HLHS OPEN HOUSE: HLHS is having an Open House, Sunday, November 5th from 2-5pm for any student or family interested in HLHS. There will be tours, a presentation, question and answer period with students, parents, and staff, as well as refreshments.

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!