



...how often should  
I forgive?  
"Not SEVEN times,  
but, I tell you,  
SEVENTY-  
SEVEN  
times."

*Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV*

Sunday, September 13, 2020  
Grace Lutheran Church

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOMES YOU!!

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**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.

## *Divine Service, Setting Four*

*15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

## Opening Hymn

## “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

**# 609**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Confession and Absolution

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**Introit** (*Cantor/Congregation*) *Ps. 143:1–2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9*



*Deliver me from my enemies, / O LORD!\**

*I have fled to you for / refuge!*

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

*Enter not into judgment with your / servant,\**

*for no one living is righteous be- / fore you.*

**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.**

*Deliver me from my enemies, / O LORD!\**

*I have fled to you for / refuge!*

## 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. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# Anthem

## **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

(LSB 849; text: Rusty Edwards; tune: "The Sacred Harp")

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *sung by the Cantor*

*Fear the LORD, / you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack / nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the / righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out / of them all.*

**Epistle**

Romans 14:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

<sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

<sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Verse sung by the Cantor*

Alleluia. Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:21–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup> Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay

**Closing Hymn “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” # 596**

**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.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**Saturday: 23**

**Sunday: 64**

## This Week at Grace....

<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Children's Choir Practice	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.
	Catechism Class	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

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## THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

<b>ELDERS ON DUTY:</b>	Karl Heck/Dave Plond
<b>ORGANIST:</b>	Shawn Pfanstiel
<b>CANTOR:</b>	Karl Heck
<b>CHOIR:</b>	Children's Choir
<b>TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Charlotte Smith/Lydia Rippe
	Bruce Bluhm/Colleen Carey
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Dean Bierhaus/Dave Gibson
	Bryan & Brooke Saddler
<b>TODAY'S DOOR MONITOR:</b>	Blake Saltzgaber
<b>NEXT WEEKS DOOR MONITOR:</b>	Mark Liess
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Kyle Sheeks
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Aubree Fosket
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	St. Paul's, Doniphan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**BIBLE CLASS:** Starting today we'll be taking up the study called "**He Shall Come Again.**" Here are some topics that we'll be discussing. How does God signal us that the end nears? What will the end be like? What is Jesus doing today about the world's end? How does Revelation give us hope?

Today many people turn to other sources for answers to these questions and to look into the future. Some people trust in the teachings of a guru. While others look to new philosophies such as New Age. But why toy with man-made dreams when we have God's good Word on it?

Jesus holds our future! Explore the end times. Be assured that our Lord Jesus Christ holds us safely in His care.  
Won't you join us?

**GUILD QUARTERLY MEETING:** At the Guild Quarterly meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, guest speaker Karl Bergdolt will speak on Heartland Lutheran Happenings. Grace will collect items for the school through the month of September. There is a "wish list" posted on the bulletin board.

**HLHS BLOOD DRIVE:** On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 2:30pm the HL National Honor Society Students will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Please consider coming in to make a donation and helping them reach their goal of over 33 usable units—reaching 32 usable units will make HLHS students eligible for a scholarship through the Red Cross. So your donation will not only help the community but HLHS students as well. We are encouraging you to sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or using the Blood Donor App on your smartphone. You may also call the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 for your appointment time.

**HLHS GOLF SCRAMBLE:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heartland Lutheran High School Charity Golf Scramble is being held at Indianhead Golf Course on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, with a 9am Shotgun Start. Make plans for a wonderful morning at this FUN-raising event and help benefit tuition assistance and activities at HLHS. There is a flyer on the bulletin board, and for any questions, please contact the HLHS office.