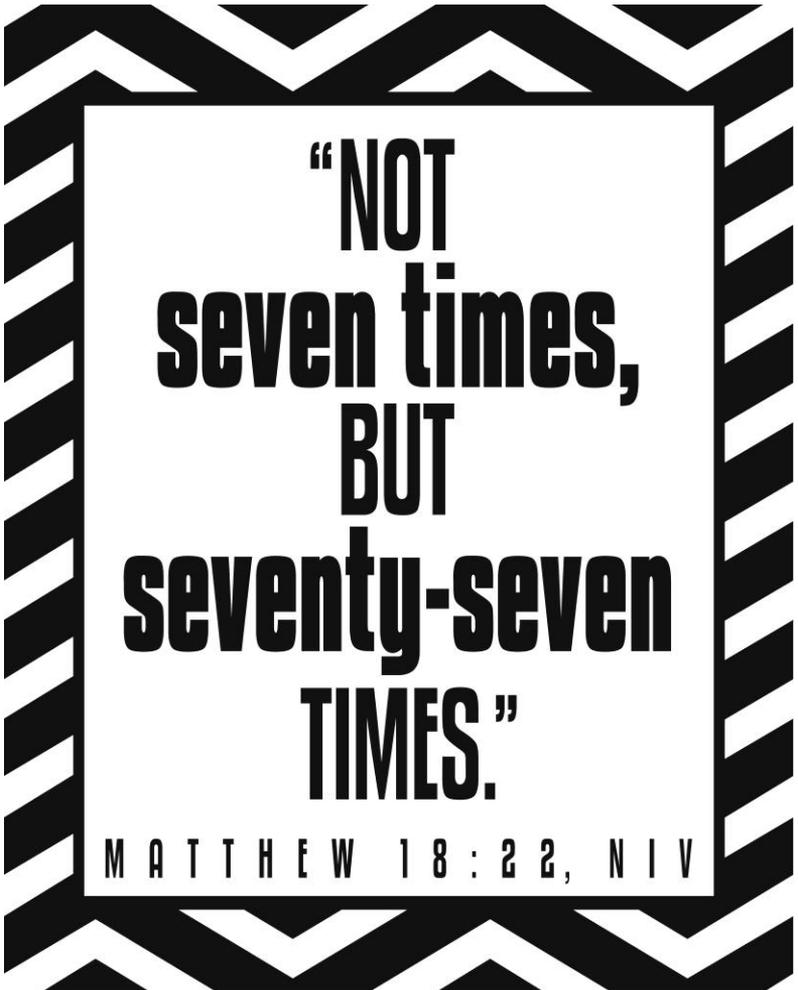


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PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
SEPTEMBER 16TH & 17TH, 2017

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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Pre Service Music

“For The Fruit of All Creation”

Hymn “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

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Service of the Word

Introit (*Cantor/Choir*)



*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

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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.

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.



Anthem

“Thou Art The Way”

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘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. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As 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. ²¹So 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 (Choir)

**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

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let 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. ⁴Who 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. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The 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.⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.⁸ 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.⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.¹⁰ 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;¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."¹² 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.

Common Alleluia and Verse (Congregation-Saturday)

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Verse (Choir)

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 eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹ 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?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay

you everything.’²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ 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.’²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”** **# 611**
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Sermon

Nicene Creed (Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)

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Prayer of the Church:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

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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: 22 Sunday: 120

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
	Catechism Class	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

ELDERS ON DUTY:	Stu Endorf/Andy Gudgel
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Gretchen Buss
CANTORS:	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel
CHOIR:	Senior Choir
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Bruce Bluhm/Alice Bartlett
	Mark Liess/Jeremiah Ivers
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Dave & Lynette Gibson
	Steve & Debra Heider
CRUCIFER:	Jehron Soto
ACOLYTE:	Caleb Pobanz
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	St Paul's, Doniphan

BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH? You are invited to help continue a tradition at Grace Lutheran if you have a birthday or anniversary this month. As you celebrate, please make a special gift to the church in the amount of years you have been blessed.



As we fast approach the last quarter of 2017, it is important to share with you that our Finances have been running short this summer. Our offerings are lagging about \$7,000 behind our budget needs. We have been able to keep current with all bills by

“borrowing” from some reserve funds. Please assess where you are with your gifts to our ministry at Grace for this year, and prayerfully consider how your household can help make up the operating shortfall to date. Thank you for your support.

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer



The Young Adults Group will be having a Garage Sale **on Saturday, October 14th, from 8am-3pm** here at Grace. (Please note the change of date)

We will be accepting donations from now until October 1st. Please contact Brynn Saddler, Brody Sheeks, or any of the youth involved with the Young Adults Group.

HEARTLAND LUTHERAN QUILTS & CARS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTONED: They will be doing a quilt and craft show closer to the holidays & will be working to tie the car show into the summer Hogs & Dogs even next year. We will be setting a date for the quilts and craft show and for an organizational meeting for those willing to help with the event soon. Please keep an eye out for these announcements.



HEARTLAND NEWS: On Wednesday, September 20th, from 8:30am to 1:00pm the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society 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 30 usable units. (whole blood or double red cell donation appointments are available) Reaching 30 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. Please contact the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 for a donation time.