

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Grace Lutheran Church

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

Divine Service with Communion each Saturday7:00 p.m.Divine Service with Communion each Sunday9:00 a.m.Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall10:00 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.

<u>Interested in membership at Grace?</u> 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

16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 20th, 2020

Pre Service Music

"I Lift Up My Eyes"

(text: Psalm 121; music: David von Kampen)

Opening Hymn

"Salvation unto Us has Come"

555

(Choir sings vs. 3)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Confession and Absolution

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Introit (Cantor/Choir)

Ps. 143:1-2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9



I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

What shall I render | to the LORD*

for all his bene- | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation* and call on the name | of the LORD,

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*

is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your | servant;*

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

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.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

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.
- Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us

trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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

"Surely the Lord is in this Place"

(Text: The Lutheran Hymnal; music; setting by Theodore Beck)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual sung by the 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

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be

with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Verse sung by the Choir

Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

1"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would

receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)

Hymn "Salvation unto Us Has Come" # 555 (Choir sings vs. 9)

Sermon

Offering "Rejoice"

(Text: Psalm 118:24; music; Walter Watson)

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Communion Hymns	#'s 745, 632, 723, 731
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Closing Hymn "Lord of Glory, You Have	Bought Us" # 851

<u>COMMUNION</u> -- 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: 30 Sunday: 106

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
-	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Monday	Guild Executive Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Children's Choir Practice	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	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:

SATURDAY ORGANIST:

CHOIR:

TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:

Karl Heck/Dave Plond
Cindy Kemp
Shawn Pfanstiel
Senior Choir
Dean Bierhaus/Dave Gibson
Bryan & Brooke Saddler

NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: Steve & Debra Heider

Lynnette Gibson/Kaleb Ivers

TODAY'S DOOR MONITOR:

NEXT WEEKS DOOR MONITOR:

CRUCIFER:

ACOLYTE:

RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:

Mark Liess

Bruce Bluhm

Kyle Sheeks

Zane Harvey

Carla Warneke

In memory of Cec Warneke

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MITE BOX SUNDAY: Today is Mite Box Sunday. The mite box will be on the table in the Narthex.

<u>COMMUNION WINE:</u> We are beginning to run short on communion wine. We only have 10 bottles left and they go pretty quick. If you're at the store, and it wouldn't be an inconvenience, please consider buying a bottle or two of Mogan David Concord Grape Wine in the 1.5 liter size. Thank you!