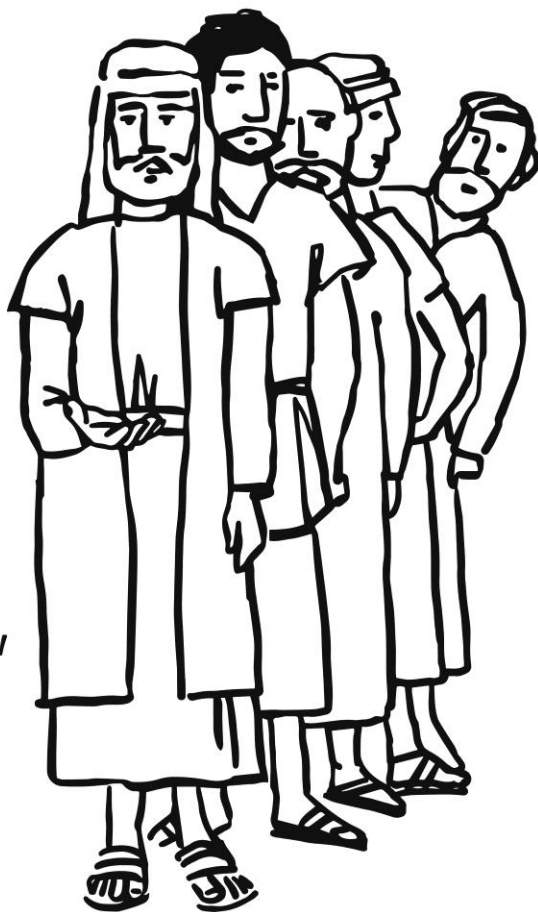


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**“THE  
LAST  
WILL BE  
FIRST,  
AND THE  
FIRST  
LAST.”**

**MATTHEW 20:16, ESV**



**PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER  
SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2017**

# 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.

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Pre Service Music

“Beautiful Savior”

(Soloists: Cecily McGuan, Isabell Burson, Carreagan Endorf)

Hymn

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come” # 555 (vs 1-5)

Confession and Absolution

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## Service of the Word

Introit (*Cantor/Congregation*)



*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.*

**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 offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- / giving\*  
and call on the name / of the LORD.*

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.

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** A - men.

**Anthem**

**“He Gives Me Strength”**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let 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. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither  
are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For 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.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** (*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**

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really  
served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the  
whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.  
<sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my  
imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>19</sup>for I  
know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this  
will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as 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. <sup>21</sup>For to me  
to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means  
fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard

pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only 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, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>For 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, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**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 (Cantor)

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

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16*

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

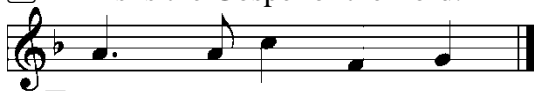


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go

into the vineyard too.’<sup>8</sup> And 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.’<sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.<sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.<sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,<sup>12</sup> saying, ‘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.’<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day** “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

# 555  
(vs 6-10)

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

(Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)

**Offering**

“Father, I Adore You”

**Offertory**

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**Prayer of the Church:**

**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

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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: 29**

**Sunday: 127**

**This Week at Grace....**

<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	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>	Stu Endorf/Andy Gudgel
<b>ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:</b>	Gretchen Buss
<b>CANTORS:</b>	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel
<b>CHOIR:</b>	Junior Choir
<b>TODAY’S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Bruce Bluhm/Alice Bartlett
	Mark Liess/Jeremiah Ivers
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Dave & Lynette Gibson
	Steve & Debra Heider
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Jehron Soto
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Caleb Pobanz
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	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.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Church council meeting will be Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.



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 14<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-3pm** here at Grace. (Please note the change of date) We will be accepting donations from now until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Brynn Saddler, Brody Sheeks, or any of the youth involved with the Young Adults Group.



I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, words of hope and encouragement, and for the support given to me and my family. We are so grateful. May God's blessings be on each of you  
**Brenda Bockmann**



On behalf of the Board of Education and the Sunday School Supervisor, we would like to thank everyone that helped with Rally Sunday.



**TODAY**, Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm, the Youth vs Adult Softball game will be played, weather permitting. We hope to see you there to either cheer or play!