

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Have salt in yourselves,  
and be at peace with one another."

Mark 9:50

**PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER**

**SEPTEMBER 26/27, 2015**

# 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.



**P** Let us pray...Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Junior Choir Anthem

*"Jesus, Lead Thou On"*

### Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29*

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you..."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit

rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

<sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

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

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

**Gradual** *is sung by the congregation (Saturday)*

*is sung by the Cantor (Sunday)*

*He will command his angels con- | cerning you\**  
*to guard you in | all your ways.*

*Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\**

*and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!*

**Epistle**

*James 5:13–20*

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

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

**Alleluia and Verse** *is sung by the congregation (Saturday)*

**Verse of the Day** *is sung by Cantor (Sunday)*

*Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.  
Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 9:38–50*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

<sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.

<sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

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

**Prayers**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

# This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class /Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Directory Photos	10:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Monday	Directory Photos	5: 00-8:15 p.m.
Wednesday	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
	Catechism	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.
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THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING:		
ELDERS ON DUTY:	Keith Pobanz/Mike Krecklow/Mark Liess	
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:	Gretchen Buss	
CHOIR:	Junior Choir	
CANTORS:	Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel	
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Charlotte Smith/Sandy Yager Marilyn Fischer/Lydia Rippe	
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Roger and Rosalie Roscoe Duane and Marcia Fowler	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:	Gavin Link/Preston Nicholls	
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	Karl and Paula Heck	

## Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: 22 Sunday: 149  
 Sunday School Attendance: Sunday School Offering:

### Last Week's Offerings

General Fund	\$3,044.66
Other Offerings	\$ .00
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$ .00
Total Received	\$3,044.66

### Year to Date Offerings

General Fund	\$143,477.12
Other Offerings	\$15,348.83
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$1,441.00
Total Received	\$160,266.95

### Weekly Budget

General Fund Needed	\$4,250.00
General Fund Difference	-\$1,205.34

### Year to Date Budget

	\$161,500.00
	-\$18,022.88

### 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.*

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

The Junior Choir will be singing "We come to Praise You" during the offering today.

### **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER GREETING CARDS**

### **TRUSTEES**

There will be a trustees meeting after the worship service today.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Church Council will meet on Monday, September 21 at 7:00.

### **CHURCH OFFICERS NEEDED**

The election of church officers will take place at the annual meeting of the Voters' Assembly, Sunday, October 11. The following offices are up for election:

Vice President

Financial Secretary – succeeding 1 year terms.

Elders – 2 positions (one 3 year term)

Trustees – 2 positions (one 3 year term)

Board of Education. – 1 position (one 3 year term).

Please see or contact Karl Heck (308-390-0942) if you are interested in learning more about these positions and/or if you would like your name placed on the ballot.

### **LWML**

Mary/Sarah Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Circle will meet Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

We will be using the bible study "The Friend Factor" from the quarterly.

Please bring your copy with you.

### **PLEASE HELP WITH OUR OPERATING NEEDS**

As you have noticed in the Gifts and Treasures area of the bulletin, our finances have fallen behind the year-to-date budget. Thus, our gifts are approximately \$17,000 below our expenses. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make up the deficit in our operating finances. While all bills and payroll are paid current, we have had to borrow the shortfall from the building savings fund, which now leaves no reserve for maintenance or unexpected repairs. Thank you for your support.

Kurt Haecker, Treasurer

## **BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH?**

You are invited to help continue a recent 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. The special gifts will go toward the replacement/upgrade of some church windows.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Grace will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in January of 2016. As part of this commemoration, we will be putting together a church directory with snap shot photos. If you have already had your picture taken, thank you. **If not, please sign up this morning.** We will be taking pictures this morning during the bible class hour and Monday evening.

Directory Committee: Karl heck, Randy Kemp, Pastor Bremer

Photographers: Renae Soto and Lynnette Gibson

Questions: Call Randy at 383-9443 or email at cmrdkemp@gmail.com

## **THRIVENT MEMBERS**

All Thrivent members are invited to the annual Tailgate Party.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

1515 South Harrison, Grand Island, Nebraska

You and your family are invited to enjoy a meal by Whitefoot Catering and entertainment by Melinda Ferree, who does a wonderful imitation of Patsy Cline. There will also be drawings for gift cards and door prizes.

## **HEARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**"Quilts & Cars" is quickly approaching.** Join us at HLHS

between noon and 4 on Sunday, October 4. There will be a car show, quilt show, lots of food, cookie walk, quilt auction and much more!

Free admission. You can vote for your favorite cars and quilts, listen to music, and much more! All proceeds go to support the HLHS tuition assistance program.

**October 9 is the homecoming game for the Red Hornets.** All are invited to join us for the 7 p.m. game as we take on Palmer HS. We will be tailgating before the game with burgers and brats. Join us any time after 5 for the food (free will offering). **All Alumni are invited to attend a special reception in the HLHS commons after the game!**