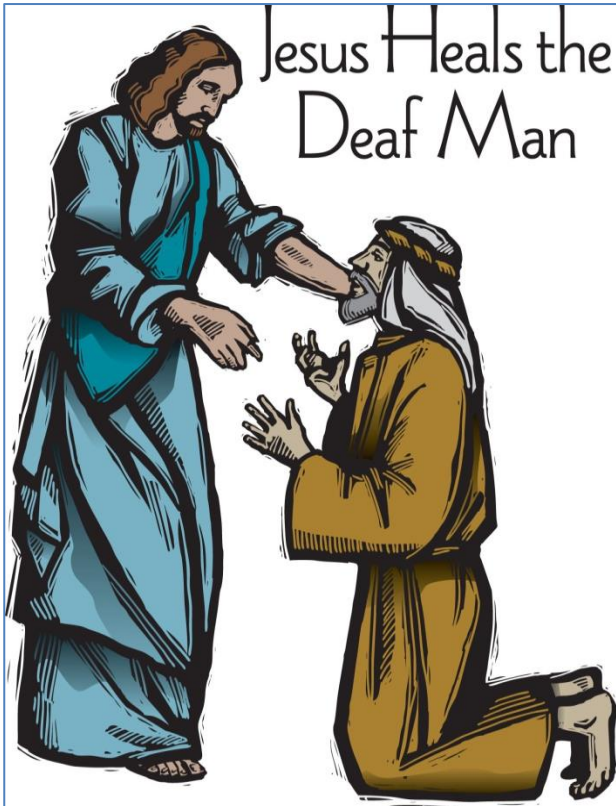


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 5/6, 2015

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

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 am.

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymns

#852

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#628 #851

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Introit *is sung by the congregation*



The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go
down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for
help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- |
ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts,
and | I am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *is sung by the congregation*

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

James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with

evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it..

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *is sung by the congregation*

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

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

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

²⁴ From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a

Syrophoenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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.
Wednesday	Junior Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir	7:00 p.m.
	Catechism/Acolyte Meeting	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: Keith Pobanz/Mike Krecklow/Mark Liess		
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Gretchen Buss		
CHOIR:		
CANTORS: Karl Heck/Shawn Pfanstiel		
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS: Jon and Vickie Paulman		
Keith Pobanz/Micah Pobanz		
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS: Bryan and Brooke Saddler		
Dean Bierhaus/Duane Buss		
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Brynn Saddler/Kyle Sheeks		
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR: Doniphan		

Gifts and Treasures

Worship Service Attendance: Saturday: 23 Sunday: 94
 Sunday School Attendance: Sunday School Offering:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund	\$3,619.85
Other Offerings	\$45.00
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$.00
Total Received	\$3,664.85

Year to Date Offerings

General Fund	\$132,971.26
Other Offerings	\$15,348.83
Birthday/Anniversary Gifts	\$1,376.00
Total Received	\$149,696.09

Weekly Budget

General Fund Needed	\$4,250.00
General Fund Difference	-\$630.15

Year to Date Budget

\$148,750.00
-\$15,778.74

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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this month? If so, we invite you to help continue a recent tradition. As you celebrate, please make a special gift to Grace Lutheran in the amount of years you have been blessed. The special gifts will go toward the replacement/upgrade of some church windows.

LWML RETREAT COLLECTION

We will be collecting items for our LWML District retreat scheduled for September 18-20. There will be a box in the narthex for items.

Items requested are:

Orphan Grain Train: Any medical/school supplies, quilts, walkers, canes and school supplies (notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, crayons rulers, glue sticks, blunt scissors washable markers)

GI Veterans Hospital/Home: Gift Cards, Beanie Babies or small stuffed animals, word search magazines, puzzle games, body pillow cases, Husker items, gripper socks.

GREETING CARDS

LWML will be selling greeting cards through September 27th. Orders will be sent in October 1st. The catalog and order forms are on the small table in the narthex. The cards are very pretty this year. Be sure to check them out.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEEDED

After many years of service our financial secretary, Alan Strauch will be retiring after this year. We will need a new financial secretary for 2016. If you would be interested in this volunteer position, please contact Pastor or Karl Heck. If you have questions about the position, Alan would be glad to answer them for you.

WITH GRATITUDE, A REVIEW OF CHURCH PROJECTS

Thank, the Lord! We have been blessed at Grace! It is so wonderful to share with you the monetary goal for the Fellowship Roof repair has been reached. As a result, the church has completed four major church projects over the past 3 years, and has no debt outstanding. Yes, our church has completed capital improvements of more than **\$150,000 since mid-2012** with special gifts from you, the congregation. The improvements comprised of a new organ, roof replacement over offices and then fellowship hall, as well as heating & A/C unit upgrades.

Thanks to all involved with improving the equipment and property at Grace Lutheran. Your assistance and support are greatly appreciated.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEWS

On Sunday September 13th from 1 to 3pm the Young Adult Group will be meeting. They will be having a short Bible Study, picnic and then do some cleanup activities for the church. If you would like more information please contact Brody Sheeks, Gavin Link or the church office.

*If you are currently college age (18 to 24 yoa) and in college or in the working world. We would also like to invite you to join us. More information will coming in the next few weeks. God's Blessing's

HEARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Heartland Lutheran High School **2015 Homecoming game** is on Friday, October 9th vs. Palmer High School. Here will be a fun alumni reception in the HLHS Commons after the game. All alumni are invited to attend this free event. Enjoy some food. Catch up with old classmates. We hope to see many of our alumni there!

Registration is open for the September 19 annual **Red Hornet Golf Scramble** to support the athletic and activity programs of Heartland Lutheran High School. Entry is \$240 for a team of four. You can register through www.heartlandlutheran.org or by contacting the school office at [308-385-3900](tel:308-385-3900).

HLHS is hosting "**Quilts & Cars**" on October 4. Registration is now open to enter the car show or quilt show. You can contact the school office or visit www.heartlandlutheran.org for more information. We are excited for this new event which will include food, entertainment and much more.