

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*He has done  
EVERYTHING  
well:*

*he even makes the  
deaf to HEAR and  
the mute to  
SPEAK*

*Mark 7: 37*

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# 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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Hymn “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” # 941  
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## Service of the Word

Introit (*Cantor/Congregation*)



*The LORD is the strength of his / people;\**

*he is the saving refuge of his a- / noined.*

**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- / noined.*

**Kyrie**

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**Hymn of Praise**

**“Gloria in Excelsis”**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so 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.



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:4–7a*

<sup>4</sup>Say 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.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then 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; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

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

**Gradual** (*is sung by the 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

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and 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,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, 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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and 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? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But 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.

**Verse** (*sung by the Cantor*)

*Alleluia. Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 7:31–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.



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

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And 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.



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: 13                      Sunday: 116**

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

<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
<b>Monday</b>	Guild Quarterly Meeting	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Children's Choir Practice	6:15 p.m.
	Senior Choir Practice	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/Keith Pobanz
<b>ORGANIST:</b>	Shawn Pfanstiel
<b>TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Mike & Kyla Endorf
	Lynette Gibson/Marilyn Fischer
<b>NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:</b>	Roger Sweley/Dave Gibson
	Bryan & Brooke Saddler
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Gavin Link
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Cecily McGuan
<b>RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:</b>	Ralph Laskowski
	In Memory of Lorraine

**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 that you have been blessed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED:** We are in need of a teacher for the 5th-8th grade Sunday School class. Please see Vicki Bartels if interested.

**DIRECTORY CHANGE:** Please update your directory with the new address for Alan & Ruth Strauch. This is different from the one in the July Newsletter: Alan & Ruth Strauch  
1031 Starwood Ave Apt 20  
Grand Island, NE 68803

**ATTENTION: CHANGE TO YOUTH CHOIR:** Children's choir at Grace will be slightly different this year, as we will focus on children in grades K-5 for the children's choir. We will rehearse Wednesday's at 6:15-7:00 p.m. like we have in the past, but children will also be going over their music at the opening of Sunday School each week. Those in grades 6-8 may choose to participate in the children's choir, the senior choir, or both choirs, and will want to visit with the choir directors about what would work best. Please contact Amaryah Jenkins (children's choir) or Shawn Pfanstiel (senior choir) if you have questions!

**BLOOD DRIVE AT HLHS:** On Wednesday, September 19th from 8:30a-2:30p, the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society Students 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 --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](tel:308-385-3900) for a donation time.

**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL RED HORNETS GOLF SCRAMBLE** will be held at Indianhead Golf Course on **Sunday, September 30th**. Lunch served at 12:00 pm, Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm, and Dessert & Awards at 5:30. Hole prizes and cash prizes to top teams in two flights! \$400 per team. Call the school office at 308-385-3900 to sign up.

**HLHS CRAFT SHOW:** Heartland Lutheran High School will be holding its craft fair on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00-3:00pm. We will be in need of crafts, quilts, and other homemade items. We will also be in need of cookies and goodies if you would like to plan on providing some of those items. All proceeds go toward tuition assistance. If you have things to donate, please contact the school office or Jan Hadenfeldt.