

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
August 19, 2018

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Christian Education Sunday

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the children's friend for You invite them to come to You and You give to them the kingdom. I rejoice that I am a child of God and an heir of everlasting life which You won for me through Your suffering, death and resurrection. Grant that, as I continue to hear of God's mighty deeds done through You, my faith will be strengthened and I might rejoice in the salvation that You have freely given to me by living as a child of the light. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! It is good for you to be here this morning to begin Your week strengthened by God's Word. We also hope that you will come and worship with us again. This morning we observe "Christian Education Sunday." We do so recognizing that we are all God's children, heirs of everlasting life. God's very Word makes this known to us and is used by the Holy Spirit to empower us to believe the mighty deeds of God. May the Word of God heard here this day, both Law and Gospel, strengthen your faith by the power of the Holy Spirit to know God's will and to comprehend by faith His forgiveness, His undeserved mercy freely given for Christ's sake. If you have any questions about the teachings of Grace Congregation please speak with our Pastor.

We ask that everyone here this morning fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight" (Proverbs 9:10). "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). "At one time you were darkness, but now you are the light of the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8-9). Jesus Christ has rescued you from the darkness of sin and made you a child of the light! Through Word and Sacrament the Lord makes you His own and you bear witness to Him in what you say and do. It is indeed important that, as His children, we remain steadfast in His Word which shares with us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. So be who you are, O child of the Light!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Sherry Clawitter in remembrance of her husband Irvin and for the blessings of their 58 years together and in thanksgiving for her 61 years as a member of our Grace Family.

THOSE WHO SERVE

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Pastor: | | Rev. James C. Walter |
| Director of Parish Music: | | Charles Russell |
| Secretary: | | Pat Funk |
| Early Childhood Center Director: | | Colleen Moorman |
| Acolyte: | (8:15) | Johnna Litwa |
| Cantor: | (8:15) | Emily Junkans |
| Ushers: | (8:15) | Roy Andrews, Ethan Andrews Roy Bullard, John Ketcher, Gary Proud |
| Greeters: | (8:15) | Ame and Roy Andrews |
| Altar Guild: | (8:15) | Sheila Wilimzig |
| Acolyte: | (10:45) | Samantha Morrison |
| Cantor: | (10:45) | Jonathan Cline |
| Communion Assistant: | (10:45) | Gervais LeBlanc |
| Ushers: | (10:45) | Jonathan Cline, David Faulkner Chris Pils, Wes Mainard |
| Greeters: | (10:45) | Ann Stoker and family |
| Altar Guild: | (10:45) | The Cline Family |
| Coffee Hosts: | | Board of Christian Education |
| Altar Guild: | (Wed. evening) | Suzanne Raddle, Wilma Richter |

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, August 26th, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost are: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19, The Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:22-33, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-13.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

*Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds ~ Mark Knickelbein
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ~ John A. Behnke*

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

LSB 867

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.


P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, *[and]* call upon Him in prayer and praise, *[and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,]* let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

Absolution

John 20:19–23

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: Ps. 111:10

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C His praise endures forever!

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C studied by all who delight in them.

P Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C and his righteousness endures forever.

P He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

C the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P He provides food for those who fear him;

C he remembers his covenant forever.

P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

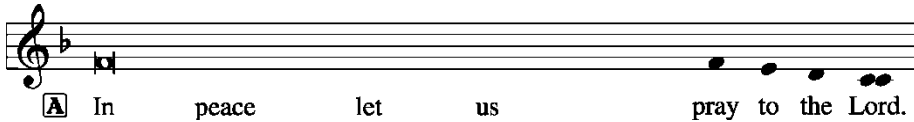
C Holy and awesome is his name!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen

- P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C** His praise endures forever!

Kyrie

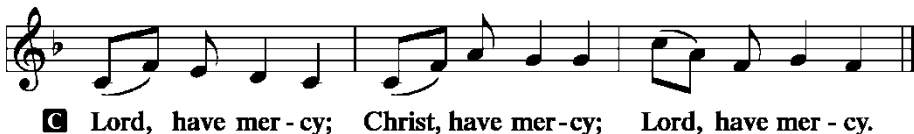
Mark 10:47



- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.



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

Ephesians 5:6–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



John 6:68

P Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.



Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (8:15)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen

Nicene Creed (10:45)

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

Sermon

Ephesians 5:6-21

“Walking in the Light of Jesus”

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Staff

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

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

The prayers conclude with the following:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen

Sit

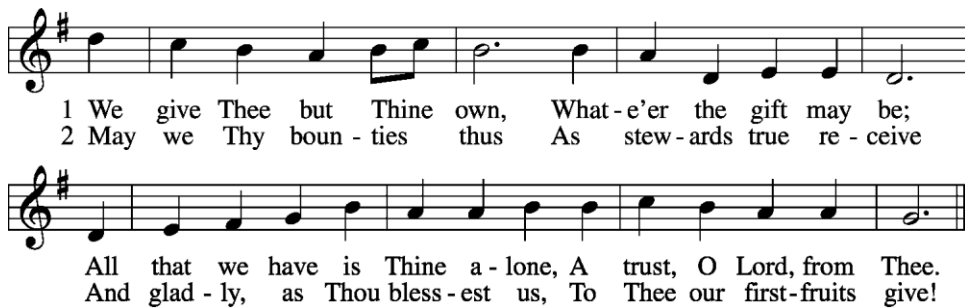
Offering

Christ, Be My Leader ~ John A. Behnke

Stand

Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re-ceive

All that we have is Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad-ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

- 6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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Service Concludes (8:15)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:


C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen**

Collect

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

C **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Christ Be My Leader

LSB 861

Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ~ John A. Behnke



Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

Hymn: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

LSB 865

Hymn: Oh, Blest the House

LSB 862

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1


P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn: Christ Be My Leader

LSB 861

Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ~ John A. Behnke



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

MON - FRI: 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center

MONDAY: 6:30 p.m. – Parish Planning Council

TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Club Indoor Summer Cookout

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (**Grace Parlor**)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Divine Service with Holy Communion

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - Students hear about two miraculous events in “Jesus’ Touch Heals.” Participants will learn that God gives faith to receive His promises in the Lord’s Supper. As you discuss the lesson, you could ask, *“How did the woman demonstrate her faith? How does God provide healing for people today?”*

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. This morning Pastor Walter continues a study of St. Peter’s Epistles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center and **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY - Our Sunday School teachers and staff will be installed in both worship services this morning. We are so thankful for their dedication!! We also appreciate the Board of Christian Education for hosting our Coffee and Fellowship time today in the Parlor.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD’S BLESSINGS to Brian and Kelli Dumont for the gift of twins, daughter Emmie Dumont and son Evan Dumont, born on Thursday, August 9th. Lori Bloom is their grandmother.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD’S BLESSINGS to Philip and Sarah Bemberg for the gift of a son, Charles Richard Bemberg, born on Friday, August 10th. Charles’ grandparents are Bobby and Lydia Bemberg.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to David and Rachel Shobe for the gift of a son, Andrew David Shobe, born on Thursday, August 16th, in Chicago. Andrew's great-grandfather is Jack Funk.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Aug. 21 – Patti and Klaus Wolfenberger

Aug. 23 – Katie and Michael Litwa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Aug. 19 – Elijah Reeder

Aug. 20 – Jane Schroeder

Aug. 21 – Roy Bullard, Patti Wolfenberger

Aug. 22 – Samantha Morrison

Aug. 23 – Daniel Woodyard

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Florence Marvin is recovering following surgery on Thursday.

Paul Krueger continues his recovery at home.

Ed Mahnken continues his recovery following surgery.

Donna Langlais continues her recovery following surgery.

Allen Deislinger continues his care at home.

Mona DeMilt is in rehabilitative care.

Emma Louise Lile is in hospice care at Briarwood Nursing Center.

PARISH PLANNING - Please note that the **Parish Planning Council** will meet Monday evening, **August 20th, 6:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. Tim Loyd is the executive director.

THE VOTERS' MEETING will be **Monday evening, August 27th, at 7:00 p m.** in the sanctuary. Tim Loyd is the executive director.

GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - Attendance: Sunday 8/12: 172 (8:15 – 82 and 10:45 – 90). Mid-Week Service 8/15: 16. **Offerings:** Sunday 8/12: \$8,931.00. Mid-Week Service 8/8: \$60.00. Missions: \$100.00. Scholarship Fund: \$160.00. Building Fund: \$450.00. Youth Group: \$75.00.

FOOD PANTRY – We continue to receive requests for assistance from our Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations to fill these needs. Following are items that need to be replenished in our pantry: Canned **chunky** soups (no creamed soups), meats, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, jellies, and individual fruit and pudding cups.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS - If you are interested in serving as an officer or on one of the boards at Grace please contact Tim Loyd at 352-4908, or call the church office at 663-3631 and we will put you in touch with Tim. **Please contact Tim prior to the Parish Planning Council meeting tomorrow evening, August 20th.** The boards here at Grace are: Endowment, Evangelism, Elders, Young People's Work, Stewardship, Church Properties, Parish Fellowship and Christian Education. Please prayerfully consider a way to serve.

KFUO RADIO - Listen to Worldwide KFUE.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. **This week on KFUE.org**, begin studying Galatians on Thy Strong Word with Rev. William Weedon and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), hear about Back to School Breakfasts (8/27) and missionary DCE Krista Young's story (8/30) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org or wherever you get your podcasts!



Lutheran World Relief

The Women Of Grace (formerly LWML) will be collecting school supplies again this year to send to areas in need. In 2017, 214,490 school kits were sent to 15 different countries. These families often need to choose between a meal or buying supplies for school. If they don't have the supplies they need, they often cannot attend school. Grace Lutheran has an ingathering every year to collect kits from area churches. These kits are loaded onto a truck and shipped to one of LWR's warehouses in Minnesota or Maryland. Here they are sorted, checked and repacked for efficient shipping. LWR staff work with partners overseas to determine where and what items are most needed. Once prepared for shipment, they travel by ocean freight to the receiving partner in countries around the world. Here they are cleared through customs, and transferred to storage until they can be distributed according to local needs. Much care and effort goes into each kit to ensure it arrives to the intended recipient in good shape.

Supplies needed for each kit include:

- 4- 70 count notebooks
- 1-ruler (with cm or cm and inches)
- 1-pencil sharpener
- 1-blunt tip 5 inch scissors
- 5-pencils
- 5- ball point pens
- 1-pink eraser
- 1-box crayons
- 1-drawstring backpack (14inx17in)



Thank you in advance for all you do to make this possible. Our goal this year is 75+ kits from Grace.

If anyone is interested in sewing backpacks for these kits, I can supply you with the cut fabric and instructions to make them.

For questions call/text Ginny Ralston: 501-425-1487 or e-mail ginny.ralston@gmail.com

Summer Cookout
for
Fellowship Club and Friends

Tuesday, August 21st
5:30 p.m.

Parker Hall
Grace Lutheran Church

Hosted by Pastor and Paula Walter

Call 663-3631 to make your reservation.
Also call the Church Office, 663-3631, if you need a ride.