GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod) LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS October 13, 2019

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have made me Your child in the waters of Holy Baptism and given to me a faith family through the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Redeemer and Lord. Grant that I seek to share Your grace, mercy and forgiveness with others, especially those in my family and my family of believers. Keep me steadfast in my faith which receives all of Your blessings with thanksgiving. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone gathered here for worship this morning! We especially welcome those who are visiting! Families get together and celebrate special times and occasions. This family of believers gathers together to celebrate our adoption by grace, and use this time to grow in the gift of faith given to us in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit uses this time to refresh and strengthen us through Word and Sacrament. So it is good for you to be here today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word, please speak with our Pastor. Once again we are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 8:15 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

Ruth was a Moabite who had married a Hebrew from Bethlehem. He died and so she was a widow along with Naomi, her mother-in-law and Orpah, her sister-in-law. When given the chance to return to her own people rather than accompany her mother-in-law back to Bethlehem she pledged faithful love not just to Naomi but also to Naomi's God. Maybe you have heard these words before, they are Ruth's; "For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." In the Rite of Confirmation we pledge a similar loyalty to the God of Naomi and Ruth, the God who gave His Son into death for us.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Debbie and Joe Craig in celebration of their 37th anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Deaconess Intern:		Eileen Esget
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Heidi Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Chuck Fandrei
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Craig Schluterman
Ushers:	(8:15)	Raymond Harrill, Robert Jones
		Robert Nichols, Richard Sanders, Robert Wilimzig
Greeter:	(8:15)	Robert and Carole Nichols
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Linda Riggin, Pat Funk
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Elijah Goodrich
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger
		Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	(10:45)	Ron and Russlynn Krueger
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Lou Alice May
Choir:		Adult Choir
Coffee Hosts:		Kaye Gilbert
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evenin	ng) Suzanne Raddle

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – The appointed readings for next Sunday, October 13th, The 10th Sunday After Pentecost are: Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-30, The Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, and The Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old ~ Paul D. Weber For All the Faithful Women ~ Sam Eatherton

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855 sts. 1, 7, 3-4

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

Invocation

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☑ Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

1 John 1:8–9

Absolution (8:15)

- 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

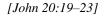
Declaration of Grace (10:45)

- ▶ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen

Service of the Word

Introit

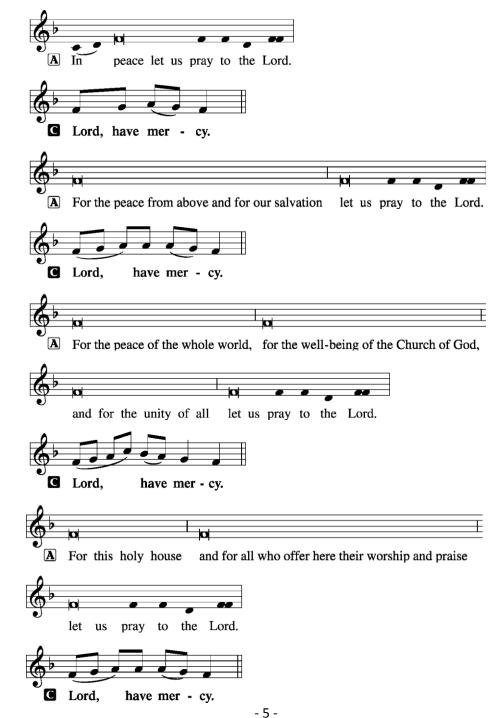
- **P** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
- **C** in the city of our God!
- P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
- **C** let the humble hear and be glad.
- **P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
- **C** and let us exalt his name together!
- **P** I sought the LORD, and he answered me
- **C** and delivered me from all my fears.
- **P** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
- **C** and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 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** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
- **C** in the city of our God!

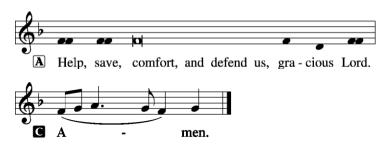


John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

Ps. 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Ps. 48:1

Kyrie





Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Adult Choir

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (LSB 683)

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual



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

2 Timothy 2:1–13



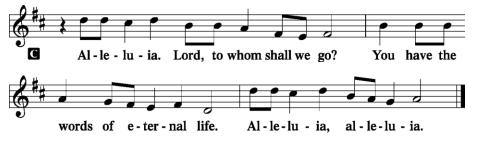
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

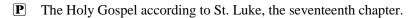
Luke 5:15

P Alleluia. Now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19





The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

LSB 846

Sermon

"Family Matters!"

Ruth 1:1–19a

Stand

Nicene Creed (8:15)

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

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

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

Prayer of the Church

▶ 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.

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

The prayers conclude with the following:

■ 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

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old ~ Michael Burkhardt

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



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Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

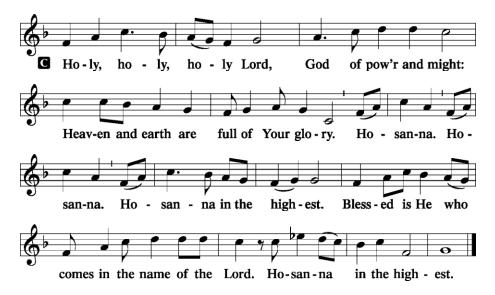
Lord be with you. The C And al - so with you. Lift P up your hearts. С We lift them to the Lord. O . .. P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him and praise. thanks С

Preface

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

Proper Preface

▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."

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."

Proclamation of Christ

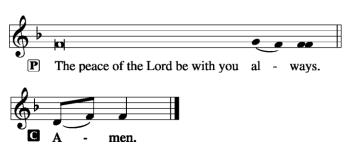
1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

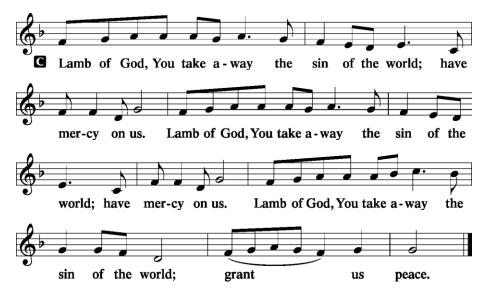
 C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the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

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Matthew 6:9–13

John 20:19



Sit

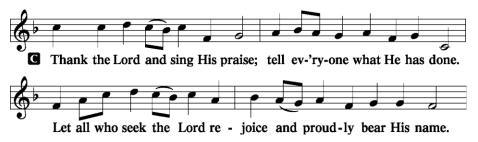
Distribution

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: What Is This Bread	LSB 629
Hymn: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain	LSB 435
Hymn: Be Still, My Soul	LSB 752

Stand

Thank the Lord



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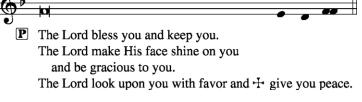
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Post-Communion Collect

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







men.

Closing Hymn: Fight the Good Fight

Postlude

Numbers 6:24-26

LSB 664

Fight the Good Fight

P Let us pray.

Service Concludes (10:45)

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 Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

Benediction

- 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: Fight the Good Fight

Postlude

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion 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
MON -FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
MONDAY:	6:00 p.m. – Board of Elders
TUESDAY:	12:00 noon – Fellowship Club
	5:15 p.m. – Confirmation
	5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir
	6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Class - (Grace Parlor)
	7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Vespers

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - The account of Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, serves as today's lesson, "Hope in Hardship." This account occupies a turning point in the history of God's people. The unusual timeline of Joseph's life includes him being despised by his brothers, being sold into slavery, attaining success and then losing it all to false accusations, being imprisoned, and serving in the court of Pharaoh. Joseph summarizes his life in one sentence addressed to his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). Discuss how God can use negative things for our benefit.

PASTOR WALTER'S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall and they are studying the Gospel according to St. John.

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shari Withers is in Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehab, Room 104. Mildred Wilkins continues her recovery at Briarwood Rehab. Jack Funk continues his recovery at home. Chaplain Shawn Found as he is deployed to Kosovo. **THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF VAN** will be at Grace on Friday and Saturday, November 1^{st} and 2^{nd} . We need volunteers to help Pastor Walter load the boxes on the truck. Please call the church office to let us know you can help.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotion books for the next quarter are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy and begin using them this week.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 13 – April and Tim Allaben

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 13 – Ken Carle, Judy Fastenau, Laura Schnackenberg

- Oct. 14 Jenny Conrad, Sally McNabb
- Oct. 15 Suzanne Lambert, Ana McWilliams
- Oct. 16 Sheila Willimzig, Anna Kathryn Wallace, John Wilkins

Oct. 18 – Kevin Melcher

STAY IN TOUCH - Several members have asked for a way to keep in touch with Chaplain Found. To reach him by mail, send to Chaplain Shawn Found,

- 44th IBCT Chaplain,
- APO AE 09340

Or you can email him at shawn.j.found.mil@mail.mil

Chaplain Found would enjoy hearing from his Grace Friends.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 10/6: $\underline{157}$ (8:15 – $\underline{91}$ and 10:45 – $\underline{66}$). Midweek Service 10/9 – $\underline{13}$. **Offerings:** Sunday 10/6 \$9,438.25. Midweek Service 10/2 \$470.00. Memorials \$100.00. Scholarship Fund: \$45.00. Building Fund: \$495.00.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets First Wednesday of the month, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring your own salad or sandwich and desserts and beverage will be provided. Don't forget your Bible! Your neighbors and friends are welcome, too. Questions? Please contact Eileen Esget (eileen.esget@gmail.com) (text: 612-817-9401).

OUR FOOD PANTRY needs to be restocked with canned chicken, tuna, chunky soups, applesauce, fruit cups, and puddings. Please help us restock by bringing some of these items and place them in the kitchen downstairs in the church. Thank you for your help!!

MEMORIALS –

IN MEMORY OF REV. PAUL H. JILG, SR.

TO THE REV. PAUL H. JILG, SR. FUND

By Judith Fastenau Ron and JoAnn Holmes

IN MEMORY OF DENNIS FASTENAU

TO THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Judith Fastenau

IN MEMORY OF JEANNETTE LEACH - Shaun Baker's grandmother TO THE CHRISTIAN WELFARE FUND

By Richard and Beverly Sanders

Bible study Series

HEAVEN AND HELL

Wednesday: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., It began September 18th, then going thru November 13th.

This series is being offered by: Peace Lutheran Church, 800 S. Donaghey Ave., Conway, Arkansas.

Lecture Series and Discussion - Rev. Leroy Leach



We will be collecting school supplies again this year to make school kits for children who would otherwise not have the supplies to attend school. These are shipped overseas and distributed to those in need. This is a worthy cause supported by Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Each kit contains: 4-70 count notebook paper

- 1 pink eraser
- 1 blunt tip 5- inch scissors
- 1 ruler with cm
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 5 pens
- 5 pencils
- 1 box crayons (24 count)



Donations are welcome and will be used to purchase rope and material for the making of backpacks, and any needed supplies to complete the kits. Our goal is to assemble 100 backpacks this year!

Especially needed are Crayons (50 cents at Walmart, Target and Kroger-limit 4), scissors and pencil sharpeners. For questions call Ginny Ralston 425-1487. Thank you for your help!

10th Annual Grace Craft Fair Saturday, November 9, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Begin your Christmas shopping here! More than 20 quality vendors Back by popular demand- the **Grace Bakers**

Tickets for the **Raffle Quilt** will be on sale in the Bridgeway between services beginning October 6. Or you can contact Susan Mahnken (920-3066) for information.

Check Facebook for more information: www.Facebook.com/groups/gracecraftshow

One of the best ways you can help this effort is by inviting people to attend through word of mouth or your social media networks. Help us have great attendance at our event!

Contact Riley Middaugh at 240-4035 or email at <u>ram0220@aol.com</u> for more information or to volunteer.

Proceeds benefit Sarah Johnson, Deaconess student at Concordia Seminary.