#### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
October 20, 2019

#### THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord God, heavenly Father, you invite me to ask, to seek and to knock, confident that You hear and answer all of my prayers according to Your will. Increase my faith and trust in You and in Your promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Grant that I am not only persistent in my petitions but also thankful for all the blessings I receive from Your hand. I pray this in Jesus' name. 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 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 last lines of today's Gospel offer us a sober and haunting question: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" The problem does not lie with a God who wavers in His love for us but with our own unreliable hearts with their doubts and fears. Today the Lord calls us to persist in the faith and to endure the struggles, sorrows and even the injustices of this life with the sure and certain confidence that God in Christ Jesus is by our side. As we look up to the cross that adorns our chancel and is in the center of our stained glass windows we see the unmistakable sign of God's love, affection and saving will. We are given to know that we are justified by grace through faith in the merits and works of Jesus. Therefore, we will pray confidently and persistently and not lose heart, for the Lord has kept and will continue to keep His promises given to us in Christ Jesus.

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Charles Russell in honor of Anna Loest's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday 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)	Paula Walter
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)	Isaac Goodrich
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
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
Coffee Hosts:		Debbie Penny, Sally McNabb
		Joan Ann Olsen
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening	Suzanne Raddle

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** – The appointed readings for next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> , Reformation Day: First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7, The Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28, and The Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

**Lighting of the Chancel Candles** 

Handbell Choir Thy Strong Word ~ John A. Behnke

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: With the Lord Begin Your Task LSB 869

## 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 1 John 1:8–9

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** 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

#### Declaration of Grace (8:15)

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

- P 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

#### Absolution (10:45)

[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 Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen

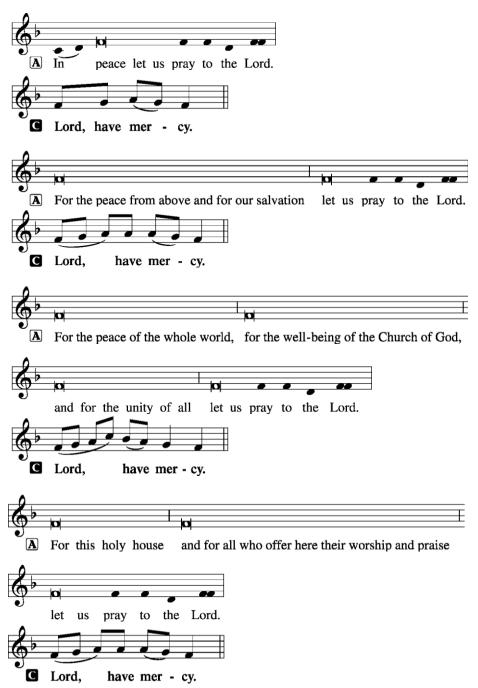
## Service of the Word

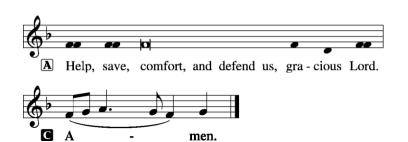
#### Introit

Ps. 74:18-19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: Ps. 74:2a

- P Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
- **Q** which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
- P Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
- **C** and a foolish people reviles your name.
- **P** Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
- **G** do not forget the life of your poor forever.
- **P** Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
- **C** let the poor and needy praise your name.
- P Have regard for the covenant,
- C Arise, O God, defend your cause.
- 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 Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
- which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

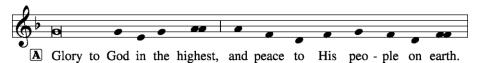
Kyrie Mark 10:47



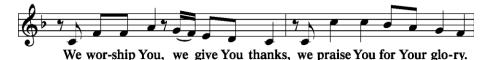


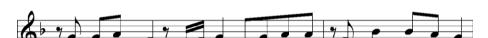
#### Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29









Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 32:22-30

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

**Gradual** *Ps. 91:11; 103:1* 



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!

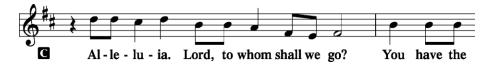
Epistle 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse Luke 18:8

P Alleluia. I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Alleluia.





Holy Gospel Luke 18:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



The reading of the Holy Gospel.

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



Sit

#### Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

Sermon Luke 18:1–8

LSB 734

"The Heart of Justice"

Stand

#### Apostles' Creed (8:15)

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 \*\frac{1}{2}\text{ everlasting. Amen.}

#### Nicene Creed (10:45)

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

#### 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:* 

- 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

I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name

Stand

#### Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



# 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 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 Numbers 6:24–26

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: How Firm a Foundation LSB 728

Postlude How Firm a Foundation

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# Service of the Sacrament (10:45)



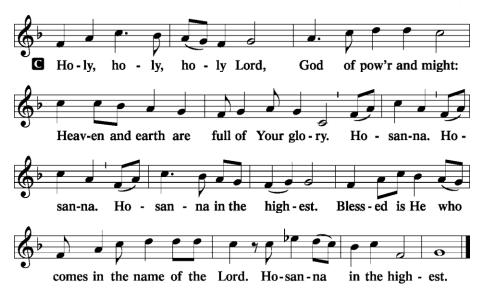
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



#### **Proper Preface**

P 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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**

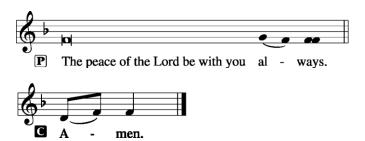
1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P 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:

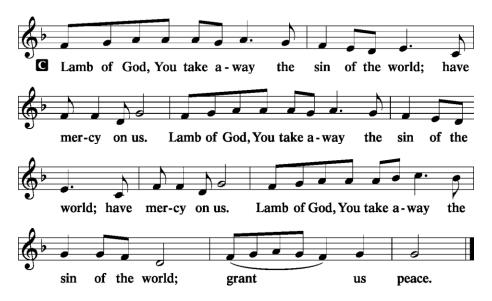
Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

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.

Pax Domini John 20:19



Agnus Dei John 1:29



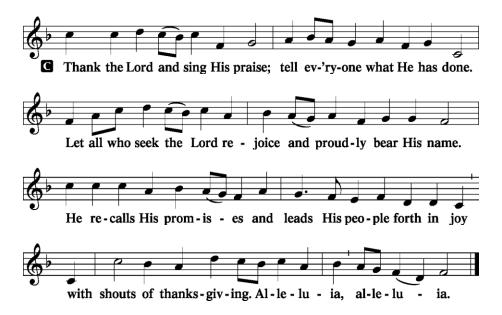
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#### Distribution

**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
Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father
LSB 725
Hymn: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
LSB 722

#### Thank the Lord



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

#### **P** Let us pray.

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.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

Postlude How Firm a Foundation

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#### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service

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 (ECDC)

MONDAY: 6:00 p.m. – The CALL Information meeting – Parker Hall

6:30 p.m. – Consecrated Stewards 7:30 p.m. – Board of Stewardship

**TUESDAY:** 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 Divine Service

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Today, we will study "Fiery Directions." Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 has been moved to 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<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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. 22 – Barb and Greg Warren

Oct. 26 – Carol and Robert Jones

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 21 – Billy Wilkins, Jr.

Oct. 23 – Jennifer Morrison

Oct. 26 – Colleen Moorman

**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,

44<sup>th</sup> 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 10/13:  $\underline{148}$  (8:15 –  $\underline{102}$  and 10:45 –  $\underline{46}$ ,). Midweek Service 10/16 –  $\underline{8}$ , **Offerings:** Sunday 10/13: \$5,279.25. Wednesday 10/9: \$160.00. Memorials \$50.00.

**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!!

HARVESTFEST 2019 – The Board of Evangelism would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this year's booth a tremendous success! We estimate 196 children painted rocks, and all of the children's Gospel books and 380 bottles of water were handed out in less than 8 hours. Thanks to John Ketcher, Suzanne and Tyler Lambert, Dawn, Jon and Brandt Cline, Pastor Walter, Charlie Russell, Jack Osborn, Joel and James Junkans, and Jim and Florence Marvin, and many thanks to Angie and Gary Proud and Shaun and Justine Baker for spending the day. HarvestFest was a beautiful Fall day to share Christ in our community, and we are planning to host a booth again next year!

THE CALL INFORMATION MEETING for Prospective Foster, Adoptive and Respite Care Parents, Mentors and Volunteers – Grace Lutheran Church is hosting this month's information meeting for The CALL this Monday, October 21, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parker Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in finding out more about how to help children in foster care through fostering, adopting, respite care, mentoring or volunteering in some other way, please come to this meeting. In the Information Meeting, you will get your questions answered, hear more about The CALL, the needs of children in the foster system, and many ways that you can get involved in serving them. Light dinner and refreshments will be served by the Board of Evangelism. RSVP by registering on-line at <a href="https://thecallinarkansas.org/info-meetings">https://thecallinarkansas.org/info-meetings</a> or calling The CALL at 501-907-1048.

#### **MEMORIALS** –

IN MEMORY OF REV. PAUL H. JILG, SR. TO THE REV. PAUL H. JILG, SR. FUND

By Madelyn Ray

IN MEMORY OF JEANNETTE LEACH - Shaun Baker's grandmother TO THE BUILDING FUND By Joe and Debbie Craig



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!

# 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:ram0220@aol.com">ram0220@aol.com</a> for more information or to volunteer.

Proceeds benefit Sarah Johnson, Deaconess student at Concordia Seminary.



# **Music at Grace**



# **Fall Recital**

Sanctuary
Sunday, November 3 ~ 3:00 PM

## **Featured Musicians**

Alisa Coffey
Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir
Student Instrumentalists
Charles Russell

For more information, please contact Charles Russell

<u>charles@glclr.org</u> (501) 663-3631