

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
November 18, 2018

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FOOD FOR THE POOR SUNDAY  
PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Good and gracious God and Lord, You have granted me daily bread even as through Your Son, Jesus Christ, I have forgiveness of sins and the hope of everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit's power keep me steadfast in faith that recognizes that You are the source for all of my physical and spiritual blessings. Grant that I share from both of these blessings with those who are in need in this life and for the life which is to come. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

**WELCOME**

**Welcome to Grace!** We are a family of believers dedicated to sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. We believe and confess that this is done as the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments are shared and administered in their truth and purity. Living as His people we bear witness to His love and mercy shown to us and to all. We recognize that others will know that we are Christians by our love shared in word and deed which is our response to His love for us. If you are visiting it is our prayer that you will realize these things about us as God's people gathered in this place. If you wish to learn more about our teachings as drawn from God's Word please speak with our Pastor. **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. 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. We have a staffed nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs in this building for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs as well as on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 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**

Every other year we designate a Sunday to be observed as "**Food For the Poor**" Sunday. This morning the Rev. John Welge will once again share with us the story of this ministry for the "lest of these." In St. Mark's Gospel account for today Jesus shares with His disciples words about the end of time and the various signs that are an indication of its coming. He instructs them and therefore His Church, "the Gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations." We share that Good News by pointing to Jesus and His work for us, His life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. We further share the Gospel by reaching out in love to all people, especially to the least of these.

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Lucia Jones in loving memory of her parents Mildred and Albert Hursey and in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Guest Preacher:		Rev. John Welge
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Emma Schnackenberg
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert, Chuck Fandrei Jim Marvin, Paul Nichols, Carter Stein
Greeters:	(8:15)	Tommy and Judy Borchert
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Bev Sanders
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Elijah Goodrich
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	John Calvillo
Ushers:	(10:45)	Paul Krueger, Gervais LeBlanc Jeff Ralston, Ken Ross
Greeter:	(10:45)	Chris and Betty Pils
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross and Karolyn Ziemer
Choirs:		Adult Choir, Handbell Choir
Coffee Host:		Ginny Ralston
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle, Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**, November 25<sup>th</sup>, Last Sunday of the Church Year are: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6, The Epistle Reading: Jude 20-25, and The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude

*Prelude in B Minor (BWV 544) ~ Johann Sebastian Bach*

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: **The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

LSB 508 sts. 1-4

**Service Note:** *Stanza 3 will be sung by the choir*

## 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.

**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.

**C** **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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

### Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

**LSB 508 sts. 5-7**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b*

**P** The one who endures to the end

**C** will be saved.

**P** Let Mount Zion be glad!

**C** Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

**P** Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

**C** consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

**P** that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

**C** He will guide us forever.

**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 one who endures to the end  
**C** will be saved.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



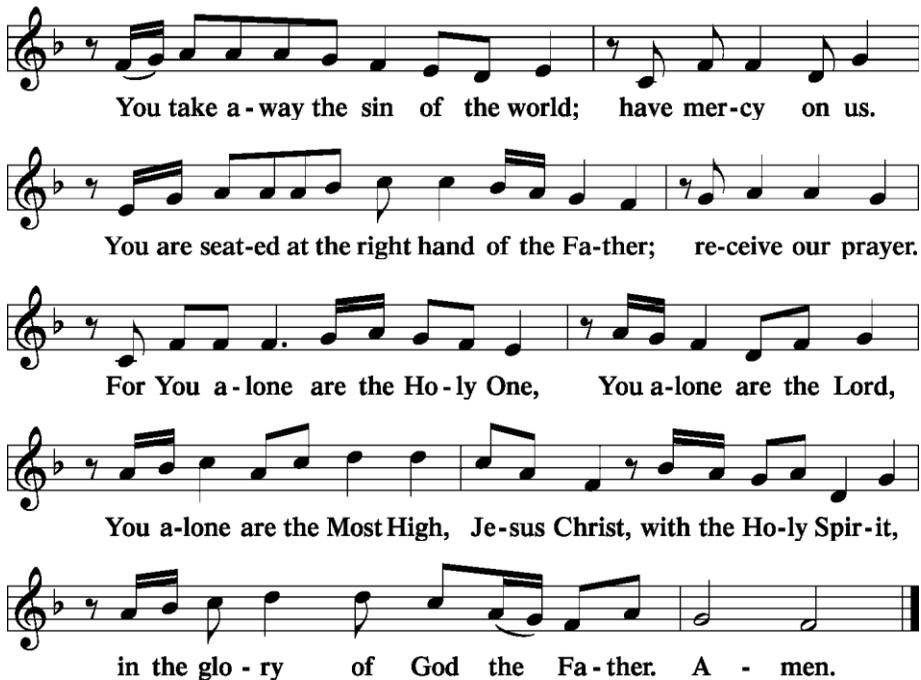
**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Sit

Adult Choir

Creator of the Stars of Night ~ Jacob B. Weber

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

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

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*  
 They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.  
 Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
 in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:11-25

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

**P** Alleluia. The one who endures to the end will be saved. Alleluia.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 13:1-13*

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



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

*The reading of the Holy Gospel*

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

Sermon Hymn: Christ Is Surely Coming

LSB 509

Sermon

*Rev. John Welge  
Food for the Poor*

*Stand*

**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)**

**☐ 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:*

- 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 is Surely Coming*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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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: For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894

## Postlude

*Chaconne in C Major (BuxWV 137) ~ Dieterich Buxtehude*



## Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

### Preface

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



**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.

## 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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:





*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: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	LSB 619
Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	LSB 851
Hymn: Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy	LSB 774

*Stand*

### Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

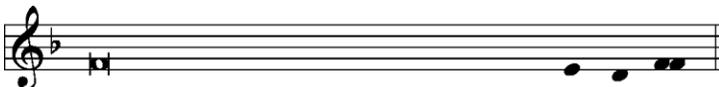
**P** Let us pray.

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.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** 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: For the Fruits of His Creation

**LSB 894**

## Postlude

*Chaconne in C Major (BuxWV 137) ~ Dieterich Buxtehude*



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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 - WED:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- TUESDAY:** **NO** Fellowship Club luncheon  
5:15 p.m. – Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir  
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (**Grace Parlor**)  
**NO** Wednesday Mid-Week Service
- THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. – **Thanksgiving Day Service**

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The account of God giving “The Ten Commandments” to Moses is today’s Sunday School lesson. The children will learn that the law was given through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Talk about God’s laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. *Ask your children, “Who kept the Law perfectly for us?”* Though we sin much, daily we have God’s forgiveness because of Christ, His Son.

**PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS** meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has been leading a study of St. Peter’s Epistles with the current study in 2 Peter. This morning the Rev. John Welge will share with us the ministry of *Food for the Poor*.

**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 will continue practices for their Christmas program. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR SPEAKER** - This morning the Rev. John Welge, retired LCMS Pastor from Blairsville, New Jersey, will be our guest speaker. Rev. Welge has served with *Food for the Poor* since 2016. Originally from Illinois, he graduated from Concordia Senior College in 1968 and from our Springfield Seminary in 1972. He is married and has two children. We welcome Pastor Welge to Grace.

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

Nov. 18 – Asher Found

Nov. 19 – Diane Bruce

Nov. 20 – Debbie Penny

Nov. 21 – Pam Welling Smith

Nov. 23 – Bill Allaben, Nash Langlais, Florence Marvin, Verna Rieve

Nov. 25 – Randy Yovanovich

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kay Jenkins is hospitalized following a stroke.

Dave Roberts continues his recovery following surgery.

Sammye Sue Harrill continues her recovery following knee surgery.

Bob Nichols continues his recovery at home.

Mona DeMilt is in rehabilitative care.

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

**GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - Attendance:** Sunday 11/11 141 (8:15 – 78 and 10:45 – 63). Mid-Week Service 11/14: 4. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/11: \$7,295.00. Mid-Week Service 11/7: \$150.00. Member Assistance: \$90.00. Honorarium: \$100.00. Building Fund: \$25.00.

**THANK YOU** - Sammye Harrill thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls during her recovery from Knee Surgery.

**THANK YOU** - Our 2018 Craft Show was another success! Hope you were able to attend and visit with our friendly vendors and see all our visitors. A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who made it possible, from the committee to the bakers to the table movers. This year the raffle quilt was won by our own Wilma Richter! The proceeds from the show, including bake sale, raffle quilt and booth rentals totals \$2259. It will all go to benefit Josh Ralston in his last seminary year. Thanks, Riley Middaugh

**AN HONORARIUM** has been given to the Grace Building Fund by Jean and Rob Robinson in honor of their father / father-in-law Jim Robinson.

## **MEMORIALS -**

**IN MEMORY OF EDWARD STEWERT ALLEN, III  
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND**

By Sherry Clawitter

***Thanksgiving Day  
Service***

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 a.m.

Join us on Thanksgiving Day as we come together  
for worship and to give thanks  
for the many blessings the Lord has provided.

Invite your family and friends!!