GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod) LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS October 27, 2019

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Gracious heavenly Father, You kept Your promise by sending forth Your Son, Jesus, by whose blood I have eternal redemption. You have freely forgiven me my sin and made me Your forgiven child and an heir of everlasting life. I pray that You would keep me steadfast in Your Word which reveals to me the eternal truth of Your love for me and for all. Grant that this good news empowers me to be thankful to You for all the gifts You have given me and gladly share from those gifts with others so that they might be set free to serve You with me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! This morning we celebrate our heritage as Lutheran Christians as we observe The Festival of the Reformation. History is the occasion but not the focus of our gathering here this morning. As we observe this day in the history of the Church the focus remains on the teaching of the justification of the sinner before God by grace through faith. The Good News is that God in Christ Jesus has reconciled us to Himself, not counting our sins against us. As disciples of Jesus we are called to abide in His Word which declares us forgiven through His suffering, death and resurrection. This truth sets us free. God's Word of Law clearly shows us that we are sinners, which separates us from God. God's Word of Gospel declares us forgiven and then calls us to live as God's children living in and sharing from the Gospel the gifts of forgiveness, life and eternal salvation

It is good to have you here with us this morning, members and visitors alike. It is our prayer in this time of the Lord's Service to us, that your faith will be strengthened through the hearing of His Word. As we hear the Good News of salvation in Jesus we respond to God's grace and mercy with our hymns and prayers. Ultimately as you leave this place you will do so refreshed by the Gospel for a week of service to the Lord and your neighbor. That service consists of the "good works" which God has prepared in advance for us to do. We invite you to come and worship again.

We ask everyone to fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher during the Offering. Children 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. Restrooms are located downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers. If you need more information about Grace Lutheran congregation and our teachings taken from God's Holy Word, please speak with our Pastor.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE REFORMATION POTLUCK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 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. (See **pg. 15** for an explanation of the Distribution.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

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

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Organist:		Dr. Jess Anthony
Choir Director:		Matthew Golladay
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Deaconess Intern:		Eileen Esget
Crucifer:		Thomas Goodrich
Acolyte:		Elijah Goodrich
Cantor:		Paula Walter
Communion Assistants		Craig Schluterman, Brad Schnackenberg
Ushers:		Richard Sanders, Robert Jones, Robert Nichols
		Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger, Greg Warren
Greeters:		Russlynn and Ron Krueger
Altar Guild:		Lou Alice May
Choir:		Adult Choir
Trumpet:		Matthew Golladay
Trombone:		Christina Gallarno, Joel Junkans, Jeff Ralston
Glockenspiel:		Shaun Baker
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – November 3rd, All Saints' Day (observed), are: First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17, The Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3, and The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

Pre-Service Music

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Buxtehude

Ringing of the Church Bell

Please rise and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn: Thy Strong Word Service Note: Stanzas 2 and 4 will be sung by the choir

Confession and Absolution

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.
- G 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

LSB 578

1 John 1:8–9

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Absolution

- 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

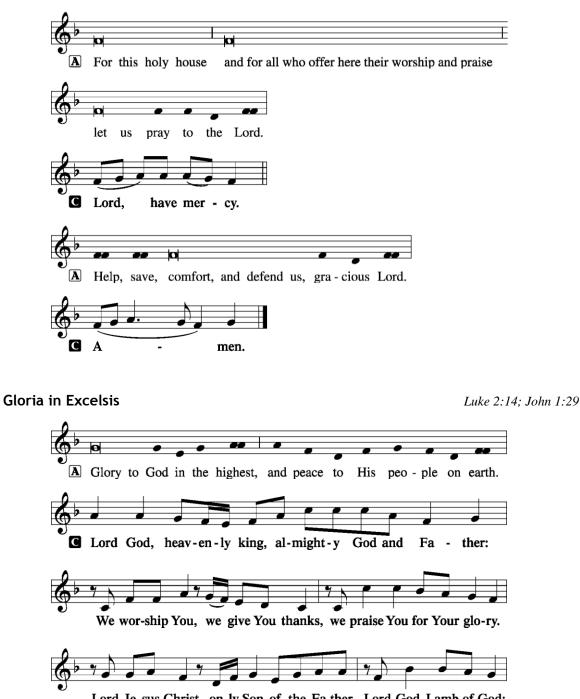
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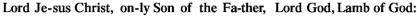
Psalm 46

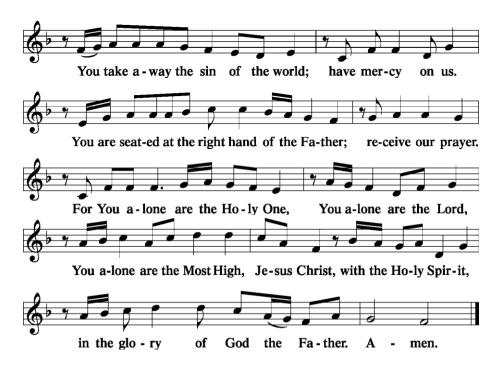
- **P** God is our refuge and strength,
- **C** a very present help in trouble.
- **P** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
- **C** though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- **P** though its waters roar and foam,
- **C** though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
- **C** the holy habitation of the Most High.
- \mathbf{P} God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
- **C** God will help her when morning dawns.
- **P** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
- **C** he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- **P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
- **C** the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- **P** Come, behold the works of the LORD;
- **C** how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
- **G** he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.
- **P** "Be still and know that I am God.
- **C** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

- **P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
- **C** the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- George between the father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.









Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Adult Choir

House of Living Stones ~ Carly Golladay **Service Note:** This piece was composed in celebration of our congregation's 75th anniversary in 2016

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

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

Gradual

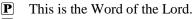
Ps. 48:1a. 12-14a



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city | of our God! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,* consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels, that you may tell the next gener- | ation* that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

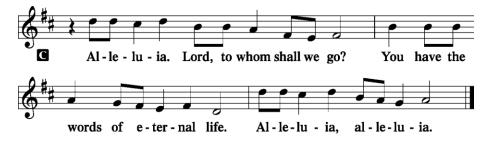


С Thanks be to God.

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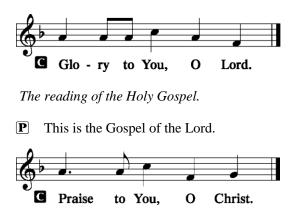
Alleluia and Verse

[**P**] Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

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



Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	LSB 655
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Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is O Service Note: Stanza 2 will be sung b	
Sermon	John 8:31–36 's Free"

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Nicene Creed

С	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

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

Offering

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Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



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Service of the Sacrament

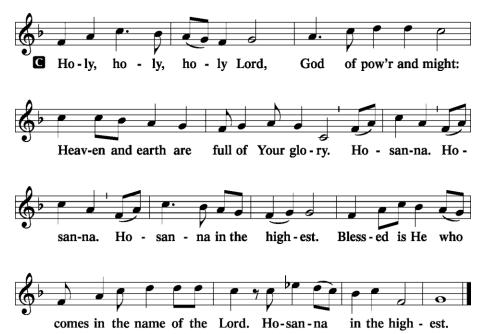
Preface

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

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

- 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:

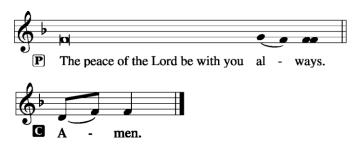
Lord's Prayer

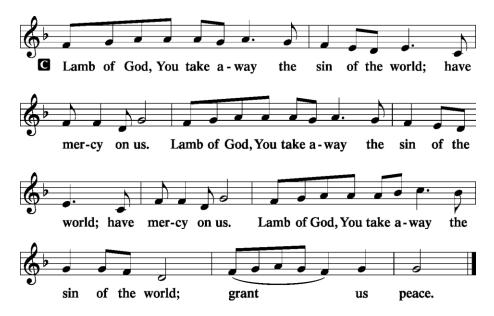
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the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

John 20:19

Matthew 6:9–13







Sit

Distribution

Communion instructions: For the Distribution the communicants will move single file as directed by the Ushers and receive the Sacrament on the floor level in a continuous line. The pulpit side will commune first. Please enter the aisle and stand on the left hand side of the aisle. You will return to your pews via the auxiliary aisle to the rear of the sanctuary and then down the center aisle on the right side to your pew. The lectern/center section will return via the auxiliary aisle and enter your pew from that aisle. The third section will be communed in front of your section coming down the auxiliary aisle and returning via the aisle next to the windows and entering your pew from that aisle.

After receiving the host from the Pastor move to the Elder and take an individual cup. An acolyte will receive the empty individual cups. Children are welcome to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing from the Pastor. Those not communing with us but desiring to receive a blessing may come forward and cross their arms thereby indicating to the Pastor that they wish to do so.

Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	LSB 618
Hymn: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness	LSB 563
Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	LSB 851

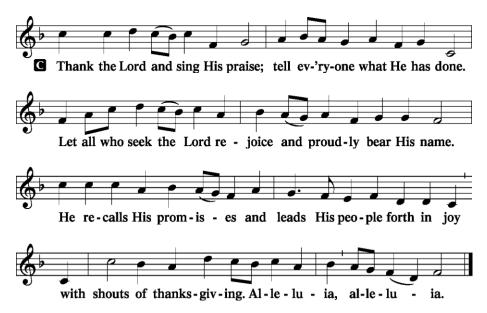
The Dismissal

■ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen

Stand

Thank the Lord



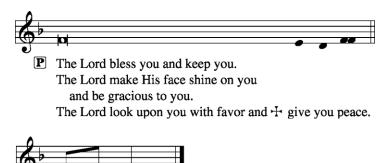
Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



Recessional Hymn: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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Postlude

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation" Young

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	 8:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall 8:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church 8:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter's Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall 10:00 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m. – Potluck Dinner with New Member Recognition
	3:00 p.m. – Reformation Service at First Lutheran Church
MON -FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
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 Vespers Service
FRIDAY:	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – LWR Care Van
SATURDAY:	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – LWR Care Van

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - Today, we will study "The Egypt Exit." Following ten terrible plagues, Pharaoh relents and releases the Israelites to worship in the wilderness. Realizing the Israelites have no intention of returning, Pharaoh's army pursues the runaways. Caught between Pharaoh's charioteers and the waters of the Red Sea, the people cry out to God. Moses stretches his hand over the sea as God parts the waters, enabling the people to pass through the sea on dry ground. As Egypt's army attempts to follow, the sea closes in on them, so not one survives.

PASTOR WALTER'S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall and this week Pastor begins a four-week Consecrated Stewardship Bible study. Today's Bible study is "Out of the Saltshaker" and next week the lesson is "Cheerful Giving and the Spice of Life."

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.

GUEST MUSICIANS - Our sincere thanks to Dr. Jess Anthony for serving as guest organist and Matthew Golladay for serving as choir director this morning. Charlie is in Chicago serving as organist for a family wedding this weekend.

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.

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 from 10:00 to 2:00 on Friday and 9:00 to 11:00 on Saturday. Please call the church office to let us know you can help.

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.

Marietta Gutierrez is hospitalized at Baptist Health.

Jack Funk continues his recovery following hospitalization.

Chaplain Shawn Found as he is deployed to Kosovo.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 28 - Catherine and Scott Manchester

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 27 – Holdyn Bryant, Christina Gallarno, April Allaben

Oct. 28 – Brian Dumont, Lauren Schluterman

Oct. 29 – Anna Smith, Stephana Loyd, Nick Nichols, Craig Schluterman

Oct. 30 - Betty Bryant

Oct. 31 – David Graf (son), Jordan Rowe

Nov. 1 – Sheri Rivers

THE WOMEN OF GRACE - (former LWML) will be assembling school kits on Tuesday, October 29 at 4:30pm at Grace in the breezeway. Volunteers are needed to place items in the backpacks and box them for shipping in the Care Van. All volunteers are welcome! Thank you to all who donated to this LWML project. We met our goal of 100 school kits!

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 <u>shawn.j.found.mil@mail.mil</u> Chaplain Found would enjoy hearing from his Grace Friends.

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!!

THANK YOU sincerely to my friends and members of Grace for your thoughtfulnes, cards, prayers and visits while I was hospitalized and continue in rehab. Please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers. God's blessings. *Sincerely, Mildred Wilkins*

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – **Attendance:** Sunday 10/20: <u>137</u> (8:15 – <u>71</u> and 10:45 – <u>66</u>). Midweek Service 10/23 - 10. **Offerings:** Sunday 10/20: \$13,153.00. Wednesday 10/16: \$380.00. Memorials & Honorarium \$70.00. Scholarship Fund \$90.00. Building Fund \$90.00. Missions \$240.00.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Women's Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be November 6. 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).

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS-

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

TO THE REV. PAUL H. JILG, SR. FUND By Kay Jenkins

IN MEMORY OF JEANETTE LEACH

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND By Gary and Angie Proud

IN HONOR OF SHEILA WILIMZIG

TO THE GRACE MUSIC FUND By Kay Jenkins

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 available today in **Parker Hall** after the Service or you can contact Susan Mahnken (920-3066) for information.

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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>

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