

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
October 28, 2018

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who for me and my salvation came down from heaven, grant me to know You as my Lord and Savior. By the Word of Law may I know my sins which separate me from the Father and by the Word of Gospel grant me to know sins forgiven for Your sake. Further grant that I am not ashamed of the Gospel so that I might share it with others, who by it might rejoice in Your grace and mercy unto eternal life. In Your holy 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 this observance of the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. It was an event, for sure, but it was an event precipitated by a crisis of teaching. 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. We recall what happened as a warning that we must not allow God's Word and its teaching to be corrupted and the Gospel of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ become a new law that binds instead of the power that frees the sinner from the sin that separates us from the Father.

It is good to have you here with us this morning, members and visitors alike. It is our prayer that in this time of the Lord's Service to us 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 also 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. 16** for an explanation of the Distribution.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given by Scott and Catherine Manchester to the Glory of God in honor of the Reformation and the twenty-third wedding anniversary of Scott and Catherine.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:	Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:	Charles Russell
Secretary:	Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:	Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	Owen McCrory
Crucifer:	Zackary Melcher
Cantor:	Suzanne Lambert
Communion Assistants:	Claude Riggin, Craig Schluterman
Ushers:	Raymond Harrill, Robert Jones, Richard Sanders Shaun Baker, Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	Shaun and Justine Baker
Altar Guild:	Linda Riggin, Pat Funk
Choirs:	Adult Choir Handbell Choir
Trumpet:	Tess Hall, William Yandell
Trombone:	Christina Junkans, Joel Junkans, Jeff Ralston
Glockenspiel:	Shaun Baker
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening) Suzanne Raddle, Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:	Mary Ann Dyer

THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, November 4th, 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 ~ Helmut Walcha
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice ~ David M. Cherwien

Handbell Choir

Thy Strong Word ~ John A. Behnke

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringling of the Church Bell

Adult Choir

Luther's Morning Prayer ~ John A. Behnke

Processional Hymn: Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

Service Note: *Stanza 1 all; stanza 2 choir; stanza 3 all; stanza 4 choir; stanzas 5-6 all*

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**

Absolution

John 20:19–23

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

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 46

Service Note: *The choir sings the Antiphon the first time, with the congregation joining immediately thereafter. The choir will chant the verses, with the congregation joining for the Antiphon (notated in **bold**).*

Antiphon:



God is our ref - uge and our strength, a pres-ent help in time of need.

Text: ESV, NIV, alt.
Music: Charles Russell

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in time of need.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at their surging.

Antiphon

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms fall;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Antiphon

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

Antiphon

Kyrie

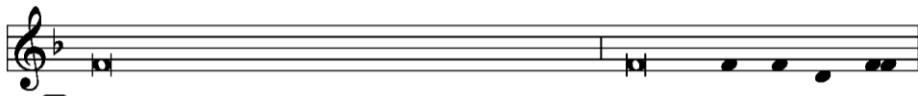
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G 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.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



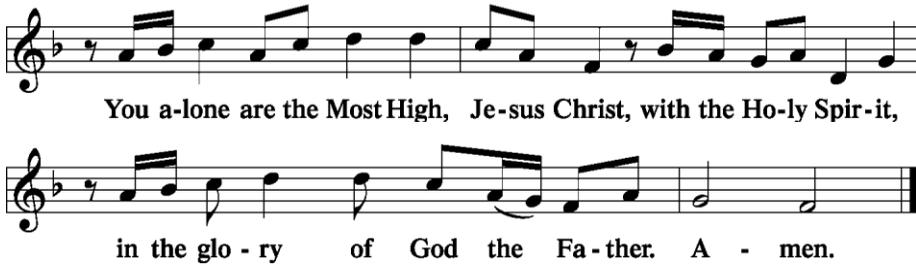
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.

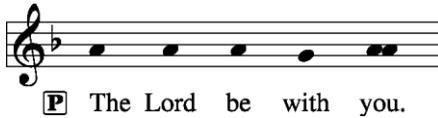


G Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Adult Choir

God Is Our Refuge and Strength ~ Allen Pote

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual



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

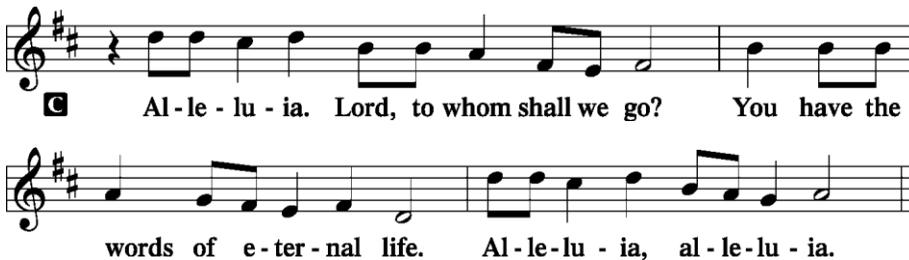
Romans 3:19–28

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

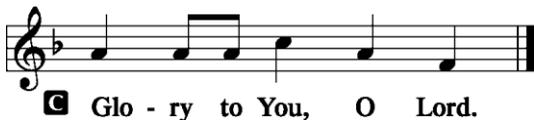
- P** Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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



The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

Sermon

Sermon Text

“Sermon Title”

Stand

Nicene Creed

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**

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

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
~ Johann Nikolaus Hanff*

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

Hymn: If Your Beloved Son, O God

LSB 568

Hymn: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

LSB 580

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.

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.



C A - men.

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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

Service Note: Stanza 3 will be sung by the choir

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ Charles W. Ore



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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
- TUESDAY:** 5:15 p.m. – Confirmation Class in the Parlor
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (**Grace Parlor**)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Vesper 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, the children will learn the account of “The Passover.” This true story, about the night when the angel of death passed over the homes of God’s people who had painted their doors with the blood of a lamb, foreshadows Christ, God’s Son, who became the Lamb whose blood was shed for us. Jesus is our Passover Lamb, and thus we will never die—we have the gift of eternal life. Ask your children, “Who gives us the faith to believe that Jesus is our Savior?”

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. This morning Pastor Walter continues a study of St. Peter’s Epistles as he continues with 2 Peter.

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:

Marietta Gutierrez is recovering at home following eye surgery.
Bob Nichols continues his recovery following his hospitalization.
Mona DeMilt is in rehabilitative care.
Emma Louise Lile is in hospice care at Briarwood Nursing Center.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 28 – Catherine and Scott Manchester

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Oct. 28 – Brian Dumont, Lauren Schluterman

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

Oct. 30 – Betty Bryant

Oct. 31 – Dave Graf

Nov. 1 – Sheri Rivers

Nov. 3 – Leah Sheridan, Barbara Warren

GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - Attendance: Sunday 10/21 139 (8:15 – 80 and 10:45 – 59). Mid-Week Service 10/24: 15. **Offerings:** Sunday 10/21: \$4,664.00. Mid-Week Service 10/17: \$120.00. Missions: \$150.00. Scholarship Fund: \$50.00. Building Fund: \$350.00. Food Pantry: \$75.00.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CARE VAN - The Care Van will be at Grace on **Friday, November 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, November 3rd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to help Pastor Walter **with loading and packing boxes on the truck.** These boxes are from congregations in the Central Arkansas area. Call the church office if you can help for a couple of hours.

HARVESTFEST - Grace Lutheran Church is sharing God's Word at this year's Harvestfest in Hillcrest on **Saturday, November 3rd.** The event runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Board of Evangelism is sponsoring a booth and we need volunteers to help us meet the Hillcrest community. Our message is **Grace in Hillcrest - Built on the Rock** at Hillcrest and Kavanaugh. If you are able to attend for a few hours, please sign up for a time slot on the sheet in the breezeway. We look forward to spending the day in Hillcrest!

Festival of the Reformation
CENTRAL ARKANSAS REFORMATION SERVICE
First Lutheran Church, Little Rock
Sunday, October 28th, 3:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church and Pastor Bacic extend a special invitation to everyone (members and guests) to take part in their Reformation Day festivities. The annual Central Arkansas Reformation Day celebration is this afternoon Sunday, October 28, 2018, starting at 3:00 p.m. with the worship service, followed immediately by the annual free-will offering Oktoberfest meal.

This year's special guest preacher is the Rev. Steven Teske, former pastor at First and the current pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexander. Join them as they celebrate together the goodness of our great and glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Grace Lutheran Fall Craft Fair

**Saturday, November 10, 2018
9:00-3:00**

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. 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 ram0220@aol.com for more information or to volunteer.

Proceeds benefit Josh Ralston in his last year at Concordia Seminary