

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
May 18, 2014

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the way, the truth and the life. You have opened to me the kingdom of heaven through Your suffering, death and resurrection. You have taken me from death to life in my Baptism as You have forgiven me my sins and promised me everlasting life. This is undeserved grace and mercy and in this I greatly rejoice even if I suffer pain and sorrow in this life, for I know that I am receiving the goal of my faith, the salvation of my soul. In Your holy name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! We continue to rejoice in the Easter victory that is ours through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as we come together in this place on the Fifth Sunday of Easter. St. Peter tells us in our Epistle reading that Jesus is our Cornerstone, the very Stone the builders rejected. However it is on Him alone that our faith is built and in Him alone do we have the hope of eternal life.

Welcome to everyone gathered here this day for worship. A special word of welcome is extended to our visitors. We ask that everyone fill out an attendance 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 nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs for anyone who has need. Restrooms are also 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 Church please speak with our Pastor.

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

In the readings for this morning the Gospel presents to us what at first glance would undoubtedly be a contradiction: "living stones!" A stone has no life in it. Stones do not breathe; they cannot speak. They are virtually the definition of dead, so how can a stone be called living? Yet we hear that Jesus is a "living stone rejected by men" and in Christ Jesus we too, are "living stones" as we hear in our Epistle reading. How can this be? God has made us from something that should be dead in sin into something alive in Christ! Christ has taken our feeble, sinful, selfish selves and made us chosen, royal, holy, His own possession. Thanks be to God for His undeserved grace and love.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Verna and Shirley Rieve in memory of their father Mr. Fred Rieve and in thanksgiving to the Lord for His many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Annalia Buchanan
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Ushers:	(8:15)	Bobby Bemberg, Daniel Loyd Tim Loyd, Ed Mahnken
Greeter:	(8:15)	Lori Bloom
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Janet Killough and Carol Ann Honeywell
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Lauren Faulkner
Assisting Elder:	(10:45)	Greg Warren
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Rudy Bischof, Jeremy Hammond Ken Ross, Richard Sanders
Greeters:	(10:45)	Shaun, Justine and Maxwell Baker
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Beverly Sanders
Coffee Hosts:		Jeremy, Angie, Connor and Jack Stephens
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, May 25th, The Sixth Sunday of Easter, are: First Reading: Acts 17:16-31, The Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22, and The Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21.

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THE ORDER OF MATINS for THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pre-Service Music

Two settings of "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" - Charles W. Ore

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing - Jeffrey Blersch

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

Service Note: *Stanza 3 - Women, Stanza 4 - Men*

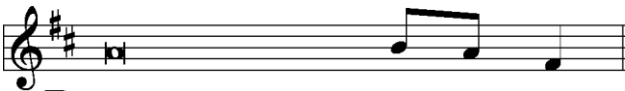
Stand

Opening Versicles

Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.




G Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
 Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon

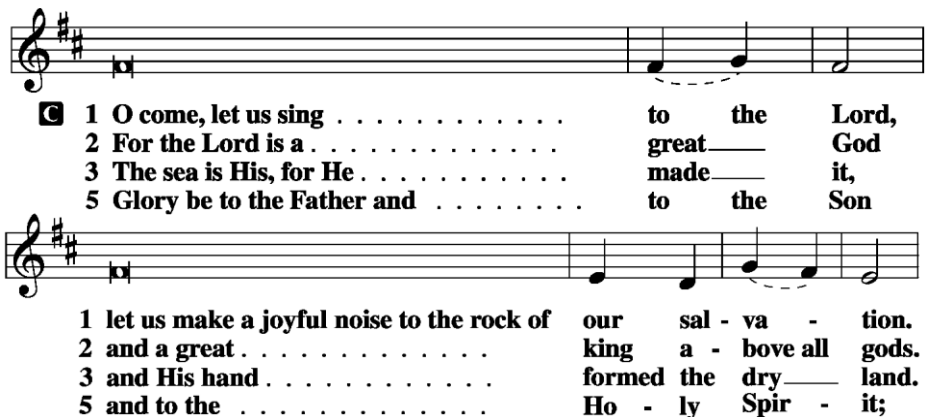
P The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

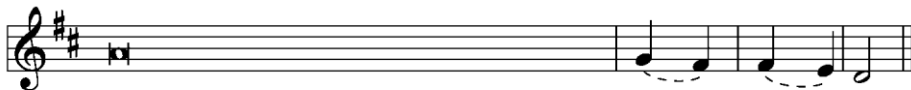


G 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow— down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His— al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep— of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon

- P** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 146:1–10; antiphon: v. 2

- P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P** Praise the LORD!
C Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P** Put not your trust in princes,
C in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- P** When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
C on that very day his plans perish.
- P** Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C whose hope is in the LORD his God,

P who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

C **who keeps faith forever;**

P who executes justice for the oppressed,

C **who gives food to the hungry.**

P The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

C **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

P The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

C **but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

P The LORD will reign forever,

C **your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

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 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Sit

Children's Message

Office Hymn: Church of God, Elect and Glorious

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Readings

First Reading

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

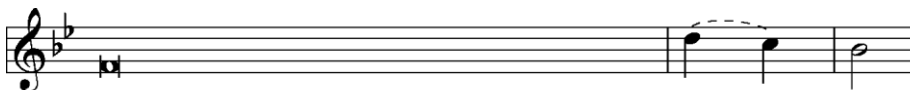
1 Peter 2:2–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

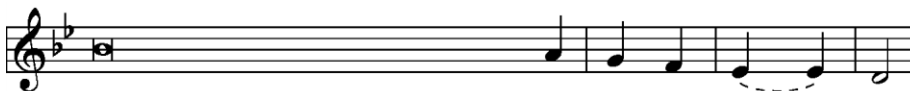
C **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

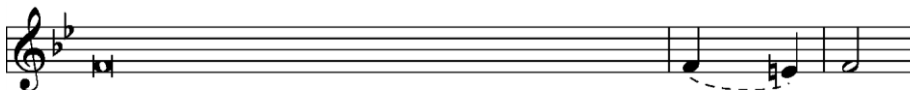
Te Deum



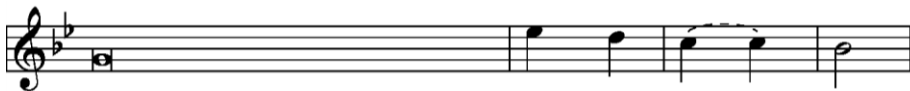
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



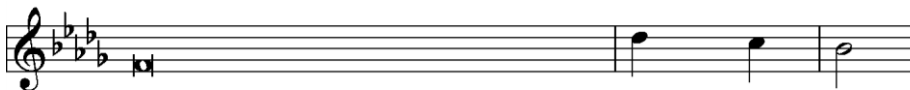
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



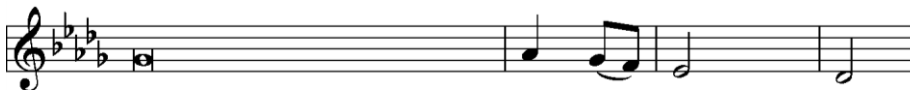
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



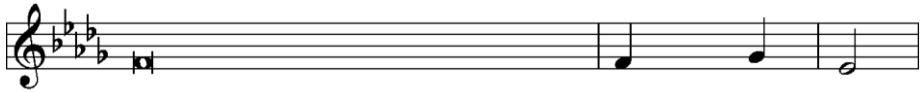
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



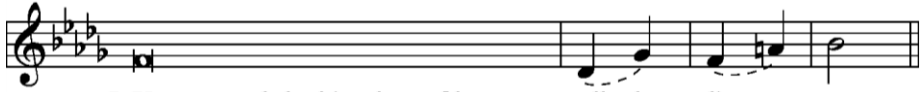
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



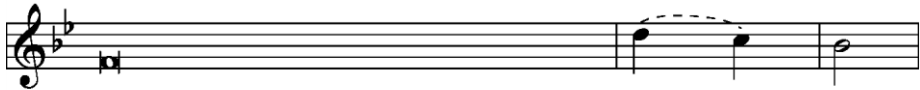
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the groy of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



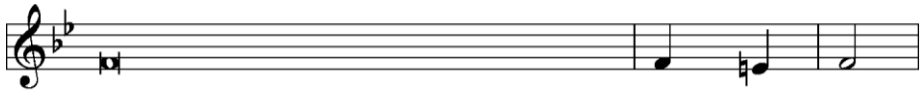
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



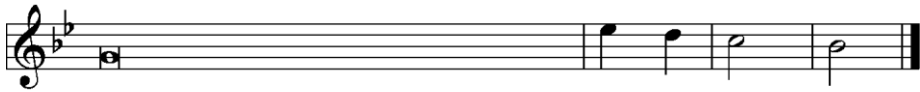
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Sit

Offering

Church of God, Elect and Glorious - Kevin Hildebrand

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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Postlude

Christ Is Our Cornerstone - J. Wayne Kerr



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:	8:15 a.m. – Matins 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
	2:00 p.m. – Baby Shower for Courtney Sutterfield
MON - FRI:	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
MONDAY:	6:00 p.m. – Board of Stewardship
TUESDAY:	9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
	12:00 noon – Fellowship Club
	6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
	7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service

TODAY SUNDAY SCHOOL, the children learned the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10) and how like them the Good News comes to us. Talk about how in church we receive the Good News that, although we are judged unrighteous and deserving of death, God mercifully declares us holy, righteous, and innocent because of Christ. What does this mean for our daily lives is a good question to discuss as a family.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has begun the study of the Letter to the Hebrews, and today he continues the section on chapter four of Hebrews.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

HOLY BAPTISM - In our 10:45 Service, Cecelia Noelle Hammond, daughter of Jeremy and Jennifer Hammond, will be received into God’s Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her sponsor is Colleen Moorman.

LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN - This morning Mr. David Cox, the director of the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean, is with us to share the great things that will be happening at camp this summer. Please welcome David to Grace this morning.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

May 18 - Carmen and Drew Stewart

May 20 - Angie and Gary Proud

May 21 - Karen and Roy Bullard, Lindsay and Jarrod Zweifel

May 22 - Lauren and Craig Schluterman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

May 18 - Robert Grant

May 19 - Casey Jenkins, Emma Lile, Bowman Stein, Sandy Sweeney

May 21 - Sandy Price

May 23 - Cole Jenkins

May 24 - Robert Bemberg, Jr., Judy Rivers

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The Worden family is working to recover after a tornado severely damaged their home.

Irvin Clawitter has returned home from the hospital.

Penny Kalinowsky is recovering from an accident injury.

Doris Holzhauer is recovering at home following a fall.

Gary Goldsby is continuing heart tests and treatment.

Grant Geuther continues his rehab at Fort Roots Veterans Rehab.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 5/11: 237 (8:15 – 114 and 10:45 – 123). Mid-Week Service 5/14: 11. **Offerings:** Sunday 5/11: \$6,371.00. Mid-Week Service 5/7: \$40.00. Building Fund: \$667.00. Memorials: \$65.00. Scholarship Fund: \$50.00.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP will meet on Monday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Joel Junkans is the director.

BABY BOY SHOWER - All are invited to a ***Baby Boy Shower*** for Courtney Sutterfield **this afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in the Church Parlor. Courtney is registered at Target. Hostesses are Ame Andrews, Crissy Beethe, Sammye Sue Harrill, Gina Junkans, Riley Middaugh, and Joan Ann Olsen.

WEDDING SHOWER - You are invited to a ***Wedding Shower*** for Ashley Hornbeck and John Ralston on **Saturday, May 31st, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in the Church Parlor. Hostesses are Rebecca Cate, Suzanne Lambert, Sharon LeBlanc, Florence Marvin, Diane Roberts, Beverly Sanders and Margaret Schulz.

YOU ARE INVITED - The members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Russellville invite you to a reception in honor of Pastor Darrell Kobs who is retiring from the Ministry. Join them for a come-and-go celebration on Sunday, June 1st, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. to honor Pastor Kobs and his wife Terri. The reception will be in St. John's Fellowship Hall at 500 North Cumberland Avenue, Russellville. Congratulations, Pastor Kobs, on your retirement.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on Tuesday, May 20th, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. Our ACTS friends, Bette Bogart, Judy Keppel and Mildred Wilkins, will serve a spring-time lunch. Make plans to attend and have a great time of fun and fellowship.

GRACE ANNUAL FLOAT TRIP is Saturday, June 14th. Meet at the Highway 14 Bridge at 8:45 a.m. for departure at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$40.00 per canoe plus \$3 per person for transport. Limited number of canoes/kayaks. Camping sites at Buffalo Point Campground can be reserved by calling 1-877-444-6777. No lunch will be served on the river, but plans are being made to stop at Spring Creek. Contact Tim Loyd at 851-6457 or 352-4908 or timpaul59@att.net. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Parlor.

GRACE GRADUATES - Graduation time is here and we would like to recognize our Grace graduates. If you are graduating or receiving honors from middle school, high school or college this spring, please let the church office know so we can publish our graduates and students receiving honors in the June newsletter. If you are graduating from high school, please let us know your plans for after graduation.

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS - The Endowment Committee is currently accepting applications for scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year. Applicants must be attending a Lutheran University or Seminary to be eligible. If you are currently receiving a scholarship from Grace, we ask that you update us with your fall plans. If you have questions, contact Rudy Bischof, director of the Board of Endowment. **All applications are due by May 30th.**

Gangway for Galilee! - Registration is now open for our **Gangway to Galilee VBS**. The dates are **June 15-19 from 5:30-8:15 p.m.** A light supper for the children will be served each evening. Registration forms can be found in the breezeway. Please contact Diane Roberts (di4hogs@yahoo.com), Catherine Manchester (cmanchester@icloud.com) or Gina Junkans (jgjunkans@aristotle.net) with any questions. Forms can be returned to the church office or to any of the women listed above.

LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN - EPIC! Exploring Purpose in Creation - Get ready for adventure! Summer camp at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean will be *EPIC* fun – hiking, swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, archery, sand volleyball, crafts and singing, and more, along with devotions and prayer. Each day will explore God’s Word to discover what it means to be created in God’s image. Registration forms are available here at Grace on the table by the ramp door, contact the camp director David Cox at 501-727-5656 or director@lutherancamp.org. Mail your registration form to Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean, 110 Montgomery Trace, Morrilton, AR 72110.

MID-WEEK SERVICES - We have a Worship Service each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion on the second and fourth Wednesday. Each week’s theme follows the theme of the previous Sunday. This is a great opportunity for evening worship and an opportunity for worship if you are not able to be here on Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP is a great opportunity for getting to know our visitors or someone you haven’t met before, but we need volunteers to serve refreshments during this fellowship time. **We still have dates available in June and July...June 8th, 22nd and 29th and all of July.** Please take a minute to check the available dates on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve. Thank you for volunteering to serve!!

6th ANNUAL DISNEY EXTRAVAGANZA - The Grace Board of Evangelism is again sponsoring a booth at the 6th Annual Disney Extravaganza. Each booth has a Disney theme and the Grace booth is “**Nemo’s Fin-tastic Bean Bag Toss.**” The Disney Extravaganza is sponsored by “Project Zero” formerly known at the Pulaski County Adoption Coalition and will be held Saturday, **May 31st, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at **Immanuel Baptist Church.** This carnival style event brings children available for adoption and approved adoptive families together and gives them an opportunity to meet! The Board of Evangelism members and their families will be manning the booth.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS) - Grace continues to support the foster care program in the East Office of DCFS. Some of the items they continue to need for the children coming into their office include: Diaper all sizes; Wipes; Box of Kleenex; Snacks: pop tarts, cracker, cookies, juice; and Microwavable: ravioli, spaghetti macaroni. If you can help provide any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the box for DCFS which is in the church breezeway. For more information, contact Pat Funk or any of the Board of Evangelism members.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MR. LARRY JONES

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND

By Bette Bogart

IN MEMORY OF MR. DON MURPHY – Brother-in-law of Jim Robinson

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Maxine Biggers

**Grace Lutheran Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**“Dive in and set sail” with us...
Sunday June 15 – Thursday June 19**

(find registration form in “breeze-way”)