GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS February 9, 2014

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome. I have life through Your suffering and death for my forgiveness and the forgiveness of sins for all. Grant that, by Your Holy Spirit's power I may live my life knowing You crucified and risen for me and my salvation and thereby reflect this Gospel light to others. In Your holy name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! Throughout the season of Epiphany in our Church Year, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. He kept the Law perfectly in our place so that He could take our sins upon Himself and suffer death by crucifixion so that we might have forgiveness and by His resurrection have eternal life. As we grow in this knowledge of what He did for us we are empowered to reflect this Good News to others. It is indeed good for you to be here today and we invite you to come and worship with us again.

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 8:15 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

The words of St. Paul in the Epistle reading for this morning continues his discussion that contrasts the wisdom of the Gospel with human wisdom, his call as an apostle over against the philosophers of this age. Paul states that he did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as have the Greek teachers and lovers of wisdom. He came to proclaim the "mystery of God" which was revealed through the grace of God in Christ Jesus who was crucified for all. Paul decided to know nothing among the Corinthians "except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." That foolishness to the world and stumbling block for Jews is the Holy Spirit's power for faith and life. In the words of Martin Franzmann in our sermon hymn we sing, "From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conquering might; From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia!"

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by Carroll and Doris Holzhauer in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for God's 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)	Ethan Andrews
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paul Walter
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Dave Graf
Ushers:	(8:15)	Robert Jones, Robert Nichols
		Paul Walter, Robert Wilimzig
Greeter:	(8:15)	Sally McNabb and Brenda Parscale
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Sandy Price and Pat Funk
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Maxwell Baker
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Assisting Elder:	(10:45)	John Calvillo
Ushers:	(10:45)	Shaun Baker, Ron Krueger
		Tim Sweeney, Greg Warren
Greeters:	(10:45)	David, Diane and Alex Roberts
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross
Euphonium:		Paul Walter
Coffee Hosts:		Jeff and Ginny Ralston
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, February 16th, the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, are: Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, and Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE FPIPHANY

Pre-Service Music Rise, Shine, You People - Benjamin M. Culli

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude 1 Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Lynn Peterson

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People LSB 825

Confession and Absolution (8:15)

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

John 20:19-23

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45)

Holy Baptism p268

Baptism Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It LSB 594

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 119:9–16; antiphon: Ps. 119:12*

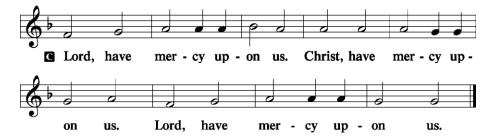
- P Blessèd are you, O LORD;
- **C** teach me your statutes!
- **P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
- **C** By guarding it according to your word.
- P With my whole heart I seek you;
- let me not wander from your commandments!
- **P** I have stored up your word in my heart,
- C that I might not sin against you.
- P Blessèd are you, O LORD;
- c teach me your statutes!

- **P** With my lips I declare
- **C** all the just decrees of your mouth.
- **P** In the way of your testimonies I delight
- **C** as much as in all riches.
- **P** I will meditate on your precepts
- **C** and fix my eyes on your ways.
- **P** I will delight in your statutes;
- **C** I will not forget your word.

Gloria Patri

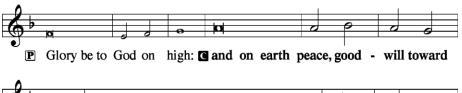


Kyrie Mark 10:47

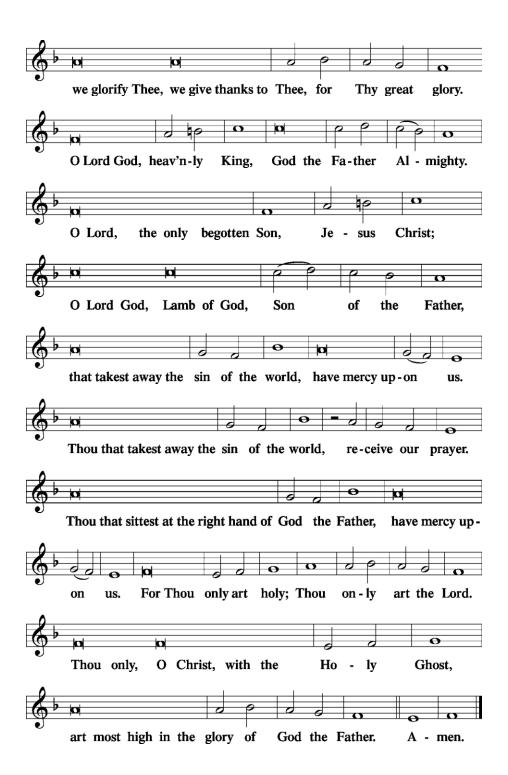


Gloria in Excelsis

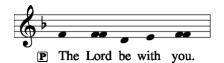
Luke 2:14: John 1:29



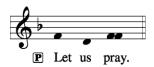




Salutation and Collect of the Day







O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal - Benjamin Culli

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3-9a

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

Gradual *Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8*



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse Matt. 5:16b



Let your light shine before | others,* so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in | heaven.



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed (8:15)

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

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

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

Sit

Children's Message

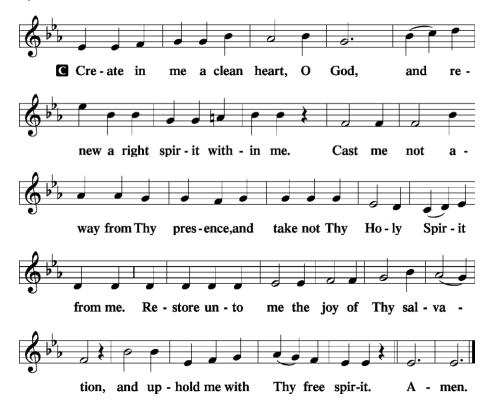
Sermon Hymn: Thy Strong Word

Service Note: Men - St. 3, Women - St. 4

LSB 578

Stand

Offertory Psalm 51:10–12



Sit

Offering

Thy Strong Word - John A. Behnke

Stand

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:

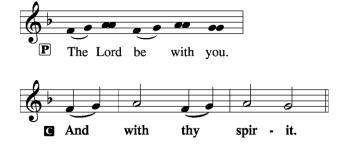
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

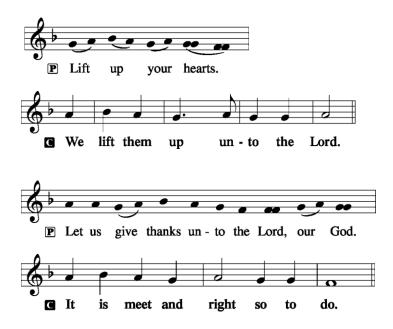
10:45 Service continues on page 20

Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

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

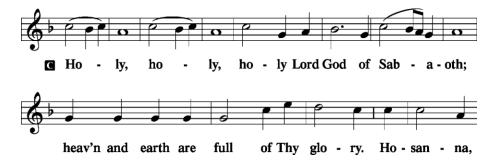


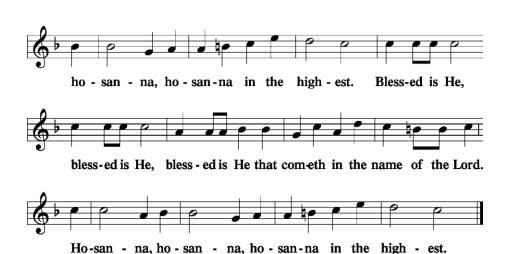


Proper Preface

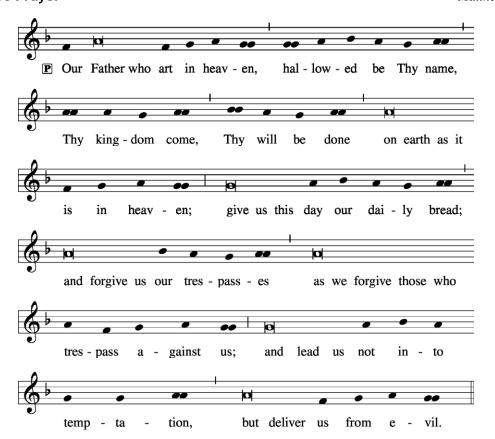
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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





Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

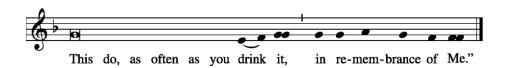




The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24 Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25





Pax Domini John 20:19



Agnus Dei John 1:29



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: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Stand

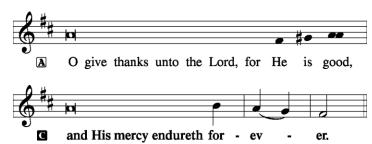
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32





Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



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.

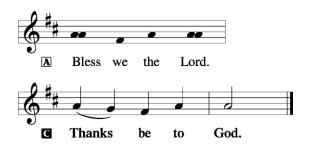


Salutation

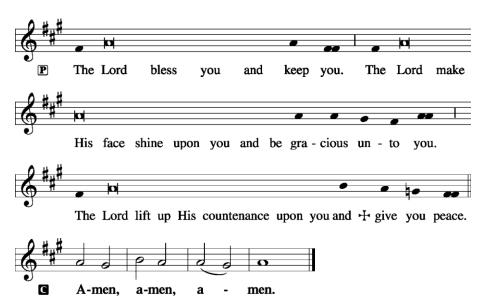
2 Timothy 4:22



Benedicamus Psalm 103:1



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



Closing Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

Postlude

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling - Paul Manz

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Service Concludes (10:45)

Collect

- P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen

Benediction

- 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: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

Postlude

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor following 8:15 Service

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall

9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church

9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter's Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall

10:45 a.m. – Divine Service 1:00 p.m. – Children's Choir

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Valentine Making Party in Parker Hall

MON - FRI: 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center

MONDAY: 6:00 p.m. – Board of Evangelism

7:00 p.m. – Board of Elders

TUESDAY: 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class

5:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation

6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study at St. Vincent's

7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service

THURSDAY: 12:00 noon – Noon Devotions with Pastor

4:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the lesson focuses on Jesus' words about salt and light in His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:13–20. The Bible story tied to this teaching is recorded in Acts 9:36–43, the story of Dorcas. Ask your children about Jesus' words. When are we salty and shining as lights? How can we lose our saltiness and light? Where does our salt and light come from? How was Dorcas salt and light?

PASTOR WALTER'S CLASS meets this morning at 9:45 a.m. upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter continues a study of "*The Augsburg Confession and Its Apology*" – The Lutheran Confessions Series. This week he will begin the last study Session 13 - "The Return of Christ." Come and review what we believe, teach and confess as Lutheran Christians.

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, Ike Oliver Witte, son of Vicar David and Megan Witte, will be received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. His sponsors are Alisa Coffey and Timothy and Jayme Wier.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Allen Deislinger is hospitalized at Baptist Medical Center following surgery.

Grant Geuther is at the Fort Roots Veterans Rehab recovering from a fall.

Evelyn Chotkowski has returned home from the hospital.

Harold Wells is recovering at home following a couple of falls.

Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 10 – Doris and Carroll Holzhauer

Feb. 14 – Jackie and David Cossey, Carole and Robert Nichols

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 9 – John Tyler Lambert

Feb. 10 – Carole Nichols, Matthew Faulkner

Feb. 11 – Larry Sullivan

Feb. 12 – Larry Jones, Mallory Stewart, Riley Wood, Tyson Wood, Daniel Wunderlich

Feb. 13 – Dalton Arnold, Brenda Parscale, Wendy Schmidt

Feb. 14 – Harley Cannon

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – **Attendance:** Sunday 2/2: <u>186</u> (8:15 – <u>105</u> and 10:45 – <u>81</u>). Mid-week Service 2/5: <u>10</u>. **Offerings:** Sunday 2/2: \$11,724.00. Mid-week Offering 1/29: \$90.00. Memorials: \$135.00. Building Fund: \$795.00. Seminary Scholarship Fund: \$200.00. Missions: \$150.00.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION meets on Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor. **8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION** meets on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM will meet on Monday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m. on the bridge. Pat Funk is the director. BOARD OF ELDERS will meet on Monday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Gary Proud is the director.

NOON DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR is Thursday, February 13th, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. Bring a sandwich and join us as Pastor Walter leads a Bible study. Drinks, chips and dessert are provided. Bring a friend and join us...this is a great opportunity for Bible study and fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aidan Sutterfield and four of her fourth grade classmates who won First Place in group dance for a Ballywood Dance Routine at Holy Soul's School talent show last Friday night, January 31st. Congratulations, Aidan!!!

VALENTINE PARTY - The *Grace Women in Mission* will host a Valentine Party – TO MAKE VALENTINES!! this afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Parker Hall. This event is open to everyone – come and make Valentines for our homebound members and friends and Valentines to deliver to waiting rooms at Arkansas Children's Hospital and maybe others too. Supplies will be available but you can also bring some of your own...the more we have the more we can make. This is a great way to share the message of Jesus' love with others. We also invite you to bring a dozen Valentine cookies and we will bag cookies and candy to share with the Valentines. We look forward to seeing you this afternoon!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED - Over the past several months we have assisted a young single mother with various needs for her baby. She is now in need of a highchair. Please contact the church office if you have a new or gently used highchair that we can give to her. Thank you for your assistance.

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.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - The church is in need of a volunteer about a half day per week to perform routine, simple maintenance for the church and ECDC. Typical maintenance needs include changing light bulbs, checking the grounds, sweeping the ECDC and church entrances, checking the ECDC playground gravel, and other routine maintenance needs that you, Pastor, Pat, or Colleen identify during the week. If you are interested in this service opportunity or have questions contact Charles Stein at cstein30@comcast.net or 920-3371.

CALLING ALL COOKS (or drive-thru professionals and gift card buyers)! The Board of Evangelism is now using www.mealtrain.com to organize meals for families with new babies. This website allows us to be more organized, but we need your help. The website runs on email invitations. Megan Calvillo is handling the setup, and she needs email addresses of those interested in participating. If you've not received an email from Megan or MealTrain.com, then we don't have you on the list. What should you do? email Pat or Megan (migalvillo@gmail.com), OR sign the sheet on the table in the breezeway. What if you don't have email? We still want your help! Please put your phone number on the breezeway sheet, and Megan will contact you to add you to our MealTrains. You can also call her directly at 501-772-5150. Grace's family is well known for its loving care of its members--thank you all.

FISHERS OF MEN will be the theme for the **2014 Mid-South District of the Lutheran Laymen's League Conference** on **March 8th** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Little Rock. A speaker from Lutheran Hour Ministries will share outreach tools for our mission as "fishers of men." Registration forms are available on the tables at each entrance to the sanctuary or in the church office.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CONNIE DEISLINGER

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Jeff and Ginny Ralston Verna and Shirley Rieve

IN MEMORY OF MRS. NORMA BISGOOD

TO THE GRACE ALTAR FUND

By Irvin and Sherry Clawitter

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