

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
February 16, 2014

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Almighty God, You grant growth among those You have called. Your Spirit uses Your Word and Sacraments to nurture me and sustain me in the faith. Grant that I never despise preaching or Your Word, but truly hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it for in it I am given to know Your plan for my salvation through Jesus Christ, Your Son and my Lord. I pray this in His holy name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! The Epiphany light that shines in our hearts and minds today is this: God has chosen us by His grace in Christ, so that we are now free to choose life over death, blessings over curses. We who were once dead in our sins have been chosen by God and made alive by His grace. Chosen first by God, we are empowered to choose Him above all other gods and life with relationships marked not by anger and its hatred but by reconciliation through the love of Christ. 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 and 10:45 Services 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 season of Epiphany continues, and the light of Christ shines ever more brightly—both revealing the depth of our sin and the wonders of God's goodness and mercy to us in Jesus. Today's portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount shines a penetrating, revealing light on the darkness of our sin. Anger against your neighbor incurs the same judgment as murder. The lustful look is as much of a curse as the act of adultery. Marriage is to be honored and cherished in every way. In the Epistle reading St. Paul speaks of the jealousy and strife that exists in the Christian congregation at Corinth and asks them if they are not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way. As we hear these words our sin is exposed and we turn again, with heavy and repentant hearts, to the only One who can restore us to life—our Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgiven by His cross we are freed to live as people of God.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by Robert and Carole Nichols in celebration of their 49th 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
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Greg Warren
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
Choir:		Adult Choir
Coffee Hosts:		Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill
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 23rd, the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, are: Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23, and Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Pre-Service Music

Preach You the Word - Kevin Hildebrand

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise - Charles Callahan

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

Service Note: *The choir will sing Stanza 3.*

Confession and Absolution

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,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **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,

C 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 98:7–9; antiphon: Ps. 98:2

P The LORD has made known his salvation;

C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C the world and those who dwell in it!

P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,

C for he comes to judge the earth.

P He will judge the world with righteousness,

C and the peoples with equity.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

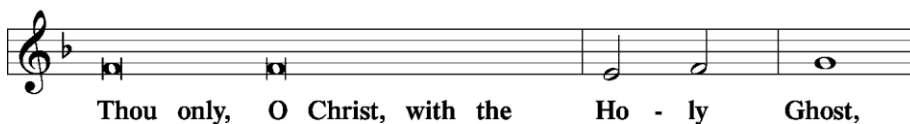
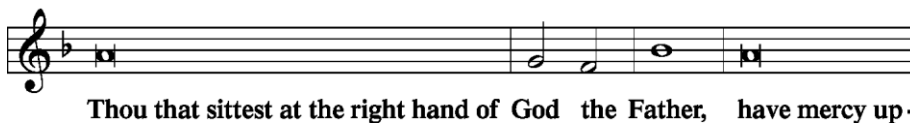
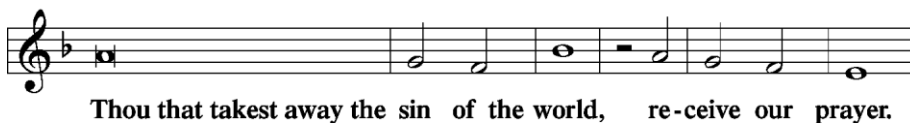
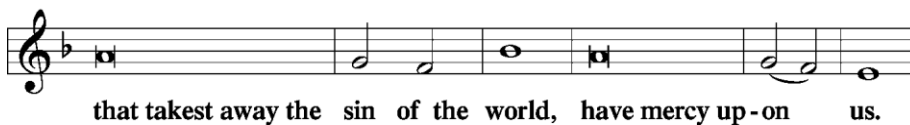
Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

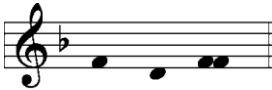
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come - Mark Bender

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

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 3:1–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



P Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself | up for us,*
a fragrant offering and sacri- | fice to God.

Eph. 5:2



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21–37

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

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**

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Preach You the Word

LSB 586

Sermon

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

“In the Garden”

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Preach You the Word - Friedrich Zipp

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P 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



Q Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

[illegible]

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

■ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

[illegible]

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, “Take and drink.”

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625

Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

Hymn: For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

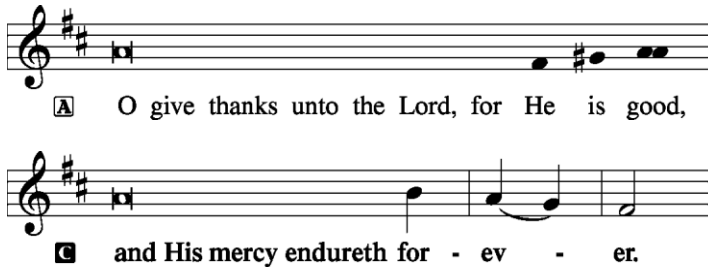
Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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

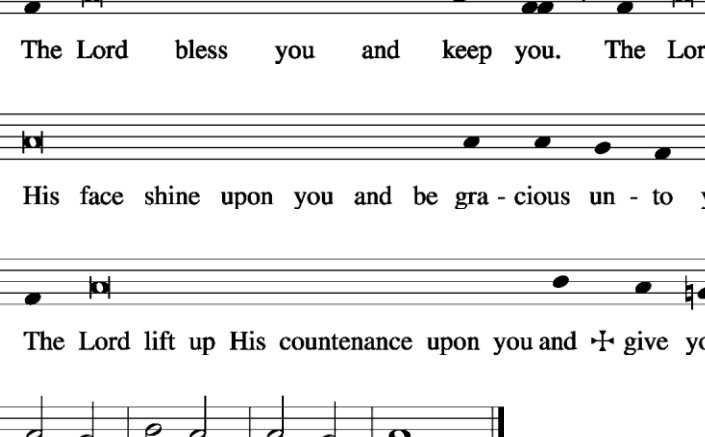
Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

Postlude

On What Has Now Been Sown - Sam Eatherton



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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 with Holy Communion
1:00 p.m. – Children’s Choir
- TUES - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study
- TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
12:00 noon – Fellowship Club
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:** 4:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, the children continue to work through the Sermon on the Mount with a focus on Matthew 5:21–26. The theme is anger and the Bible story for today is the Book of Philemon, which is about a slave owner whose slave has run away and Paul’s counsel to them both. **Talk with your children** about anger towards others and Jesus’ words about anger. **Ask them to consider** why God should be angry with us and help them to see that He answers us not with anger but with His love.

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 19 – Abby and Charlie Buchanan
Feb. 21 – Sherry and Irvin Clawitter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Feb. 16 – Jesse Bischof, Aidan Sutterfield, Aaron Walter

Feb. 17 – Noah Whitney

Feb. 18 – Hannah Mainard, Molly Beethe

Feb. 19 – Michael Geater, Michael Gipson, Sammye Sue Harrill

Feb. 20 – Riley Middaugh

Feb. 21 – Kay Jenkins, Wilma Richter

Feb. 22 – Alex Roberts

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Allen Deislinger has been moved to cardiac rehab.

Grant Geuther continues his rehab at Fort Roots Veterans Rehab following a fall.

Evelyn Chotkowski continues her recovery at home.

Harold Wells continues his recovery at home following a couple of falls.

Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 2/9: 148 (8:15 – no svc. due to weather and 10:45 – 148). Mid-week Service 2/12: 16. **Offerings:** Sunday 2/9: \$5,360.00. Mid-week Offering 2/5: \$240.00. Memorials: \$40.00. Building Fund: \$40.00.

A COMMITTAL SERVICE for Mrs. Jeanette Keehn was held on Wednesday at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, North Little Rock, with Pastor Walter officiating. A Memorial Service will follow at a later date. Our prayers continue to be with Jeanette's family.

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.

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!!!

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, February 18th, at 12:00 noon** in Parker Hall. Join us for good fellowship and good food served by our ACTS friends Carole Nichols and Sammye Sue Harrill.

READING GLASSES FOUND - Four pair of reading glasses have been found at various times and in various places around the church. If you have misplaced a pair, check out the glasses on the cabinet in the church office.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION “Mardi Gras Magic” will be held this **Saturday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** at The Pleasant Valley Country Club. Reservations are \$30 per person and can be made by calling Christ Lutheran School office at 663-5212 before Friday at 3:00 p.m. The price at the door will be \$35 per person. This includes food, drinks (soda, beer and wine) and a bid number for live and silent auction bidding. Please join us for fun and fellowship and to support Lutheran education in Little Rock. Proceeds from the event help support the school library and reading program, technology, classroom updates, and scholarships for CLS students.

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.

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, or families experiencing bereavement, illness, etc. This website allows us to be more organized and to split the workload more evenly among our congregation (no more 6 lasagnas to the same family! no more feeling like you personally have to feed every family experiencing illness!). We need your help. The website runs on email invitations. We set up a MealTrain for a specific event, input the requested dates, and the website emails our Grace family and allows you to choose a date and input what you'll bring. Then we can all see what's already taken care of and what's still available. 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 (**mjcalvillo@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.