

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
August 31, 2014

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, You went to the cross and lost Your life so that I might live in Your forgiving grace and thereby know eternal life. Strengthen me in my faith by your Spirit's power to know You as my Savior and to live for You by denying myself those things that are harmful to my faith and doing those things which give You glory and help my neighbor. Grant that daily I remember my Baptism and thereby die to sin and rise to newness of life. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! It is good for you to be here this morning on this holiday weekend. It is always good to begin your week strengthened by the Word of God. We also hope that you will come and worship with us again. May the Word of God heard here this day, both Law and Gospel, strengthen your faith by the power of the Holy Spirit to know God's will and to comprehend by faith His forgiveness, His undeserved mercy freely given for Christ's sake. If you have any questions about the teachings of Grace Congregation please speak with our Pastor.

We ask that everyone here this morning fill out an attendance registration 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. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

AS WE GATHER

After making the "good confession" that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, St. Peter puts his foot in his mouth as he attempts to deter Jesus from His appointed task. That task included that He would go to Jerusalem, suffer, and lose His life into death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Jesus let nothing deter Him from going to the cross; no one, even Peter, could change His divinely mandated destiny. His sacrifice is the power that enables us to follow where He leads, no matter how difficult our own crosses may seem. In this morning's Old Testament reading we hear that even when Jeremiah doubted the Lord's intentions, God promised to deliver and redeem him. In response to our Savior's redemption, we are able to lose ourselves in living the Christian life that St. Paul outlines in this morning's Epistle reading, confident in our forgiveness and everlasting life.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Tommy and Judy Borchert 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)	Ginger Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Jon Cline
Ushers:	(8:15)	Roy Andrews, Roy Bullard John Ketcher, Gary Proud
Greeters:	(8:15)	Jack and Pat Funk
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Dorris Deislinger and Mildred Wilkins
Assisting Elder:	(10:45)	John Calvillo
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Anna Kate Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Paul Krueger, Gervais LeBlanc Jeff Ralston, Jacob Ralston
Greeters:	(10:45)	Jeff and Ginny Ralston
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ginny Ralston
Coffee Hosts:		Sally McNabb and Debbie Penny
Altar Guild: (Wed. evening)		Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

THE APPOINTED READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, September 7th, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, are: The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9, The Epistle Reading: Romans 13:1-10, and The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE for THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

In the Cross of Christ I Glory - David Maxwell

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory - Jacob B. Weber

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Confession and Absolution (8:15)

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful

condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:45)

Holy Baptism

p268

Reception of a New Member - Adult Confirmation

Baptism Hymn: Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 37:5–7; antiphon: Ps. 37:4

P Delight yourself in the LORD,
C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the LORD;
C trust in him, and he will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
C and your justice as the noonday.

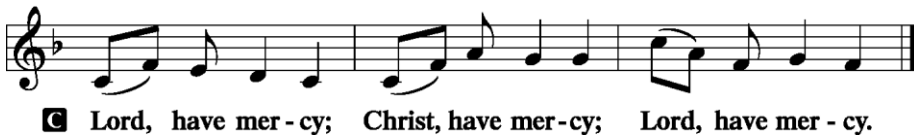
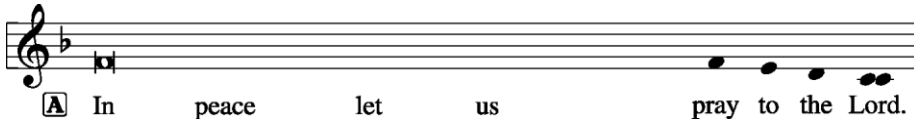
P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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

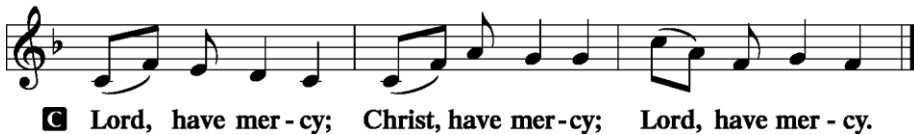
P Delight yourself in the LORD,
C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie

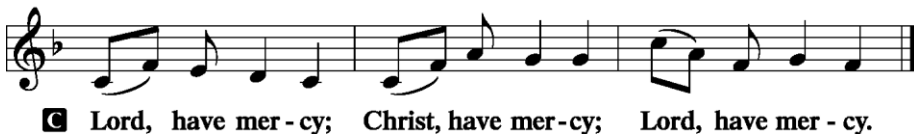
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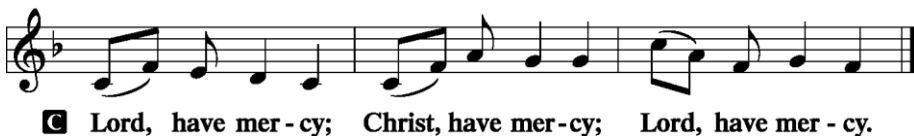
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

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

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.



Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



- P** Whoever would save his life will | lose it,*
but whoever loses his life for my sake will | find it.

Matt. 16:25



Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

- C** **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: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531

Sermon

Matthew 16:21–28

“Winning by Losing”

Service Concludes

Lord's Prayer (8:15)

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**

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

P 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: The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

LSB 532

Postlude

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns - Healey Willan



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service
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

TUES - FRI: 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)

MONDAY: **Labor Day - Church Office and ECDC Closed**

TUESDAY: 12:00 noon – Sit and Sew

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service

NEXT SUNDAY: Christian Education Sunday

TODAY SUNDAY SCHOOL – The final lesson for this summer is “Living H₂O! The River of Life.” Students will learn how God pours out His love for them through Jesus, who won for them the gift of heaven and paints a picture of it for them in His Word. Parents could ask, *“How does this picture of heaven comfort and reassure you?”*

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets each Sunday morning upstairs in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter is leading a study of the Letter to the Hebrews, and today he will begin Lesson 8, Hebrews 9:1 – 10:18.

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 classrooms downstairs in the church. They will start in their new classes today.

ADULT CONFIRMATION - In our 10:45 Service, Alicia Reneé Eustice will be received into communicant membership in our Grace congregation by Adult Confirmation. Alicia is the wife of Willie Eustice. Please welcome Alicia to our Grace Family.

HOLY BAPTISM - This morning in the 10:45 Service, Katie Marie Williams, Emma Reneé Eustice and Luke Paul Eustice will be received into God’s Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Please welcome them to our Grace Family. Their sponsors are Christina Pierce and Ricky Eustice.

WELCOME - Leo and Eileen Esget and their daughter Emily have recently transferred to Grace and have been received as communicant members. Please welcome the Esget’s to our Grace Family.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Sept. 1 – John and Emma Jane Ohnemus, Ruth and Lance Whitney

Sept. 5 – Stephana and Tim Loyd, Beverly and Richard Sanders

Sept. 6 – Becky and Ken Ross

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Sept. 1 – Sarah Gipson, Robert Johnson, Donna Middaugh

Sept. 2 – Jim Gray

Sept. 3 – Ethan Andrews, Jack Stephens, Hannah Whitney, Mildred Wilkins

Sept. 4 – Carrie Eubanks, Paulette Goldsby, Raymond Harrill, Thoma Lile

Sept. 5 – Kyla Bryant, Kari Schulz, Megan Witte

Sept. 6 – Grant Geuther

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Allen Deislinger continues his recovery following some heart issues.

Dennis Fastenau is receiving treatments for cancer. Pray for successful test results.

Rudy Bischof is receiving treatments for cancer. Pray for successful test results.

Grant Geuther is continuing his recovery at home.

Joan Ann Olsen is hospitalized continuing to seek diagnosis and treatment.

Bill Wilkins is released from the hospital and will continue recovery at home with rehab.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Mrs. Bernice Wowra who died on Thursday at Presbyterian Village. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Bernice's family in your thoughts and prayers.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 8/24: 205 (8:15 – 96 and 10:45 – 109). Mid-Week Service 8/27: 11. **Offerings:** Sunday 8/24: \$8,797.00. Mid-Week Service 8/20: \$190.00. Missions: \$50.00. Memorials: \$75.00. Building Fund: \$180.00.

SIT AND SEW will meet on **Tuesday, September 2nd**, at 12:00 noon. Bring your project and join them in the downstairs classroom in the church. They will also continue making plans for the Grace Fall Craft Show and Used Book Sale. For details call Carole Nichols, Sammye Sue Harrill or Riley Middaugh.

ACTS RUMMAGE SALE – Mark your calendar – The ACTS Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 11, 12, and 13 in Parker Hall. Bette Bogart is asking for your help on Sunday, September 7th following the 10:45 service to help unload and unpack items for the sale. She and Paulette Goldsby will also need your help throughout the week. Contact Bette to let her know when you can help.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will meet on **Monday, September 8th**, at 6:00 p.m. Bob Bryant is the director. **BOARD OF ELDERS** will meet on **Monday, September 8th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Carter Stein is the director.

ANNUAL GRACE CONGREGATIONAL FISHFRY – Please put **Saturday, October 4**, on your calendar for a great evening meal. Potluck dishes, great catfish and chicken; and wonderful conversations with those people you have wanted to meet and talk to. **Details to follow...** Questions, contact Ron or Russlynn Krueger.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SHERRY BISCHOF
TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND
By Rudy Bischof

LWML Lutheran Women in Mission 2014-2015 Mission Grant

Strengthening and Expanding Campus Ministry \$100,000

Approximately 18 million students are pursuing post-secondary degrees on college and university campuses across the United States. More than 100,000 of them are The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) students. Many have faith that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of a lost and sinful world; many more—millions—do not. **LCMS U** serves as an online virtual campus—a portal—for campus ministry in the Synod. **LCMS U** is for everyone, regardless of where one goes to school. For more information on this and other 2013-2015 Mission Grants go to www.lwml.org and scroll down to “Mission Grants.”

Check out the Mission Grant display on breezeway and place your Mite gift in the box by the display. If you have questions about our LWML Mission Grants, contact Judy Rivers.

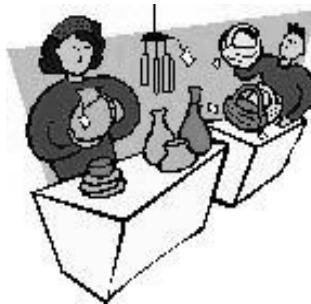
GRACE FALL CRAFT SHOW AND USED BOOK SALE

Applications now being accepted for booth rentals

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 1st, 2014 for the **Grace Fall Craft Show and Used Book Sale**. We gladly accept donations of used books beginning mid- October. The Grace Fall Craft Show and Book Sale will benefit the Seminary Food Bank at Concordia, St. Louis and also Kevin Ray, in his Vicarage year.

Matching funds will be donated by Thrivent Financial.

Follow us on Facebook at **[facebook.com/groups/gracecraftshow](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gracecraftshow)**. Contact Riley Middaugh at 954-9281 or email at ram0220@aol.com for more information.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Women of Grace are collecting supplies to make **School Kits** for **Lutheran World Relief**. To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. In the places where **LWR** works, even a few required supplies may be more than families can afford. Items needed for each kit include:

- **Four** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper
- **One** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One** pencil sharpener
- **One** blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **Five** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- **Five** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **One** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **One** 2½” eraser
- **Backpack**

Our goal is 75 School Kits. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the container marked “**School Kits**”.

We are also in need of volunteers to make simple backpacks. A simple pattern is available on the table in the breezeway and some material is also available.

For any questions, please contact Ginny Ralston at 425-1487. Now is a great time to take advantage of the various sales. Thank you for your help!



Lutheran World Relief

Grace Music Groups

Here is a quick run-down of our Grace Music Groups:

Adult Choir

Handbell Choir

Children's Choir

Brass Choir

Cantor

Vocal Soloist

Instrumental Soloist

For more information, contact Nathan Beethe.

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