

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
**August 30, 2015**

**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Christian Education Sunday**

**PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to earn my forgiveness through His once and for all sacrifice on the cross and His rising from the dead gives me eternal life. Grant that I never leave Your loving embrace nor stray from Your Word of truth, but continue to study Your Word and regularly gather to be nourished in my faith through Word and Sacrament. In Jesus' name. Amen

**WELCOME**

**Welcome to Grace!** It is good for you to be here and it is our prayer that You will be blessed through the hearing of God's Word read, sung and preached. As we gather today, we stand as soldiers of the cross to receive God's grace in Word and Sacrament. Having won the battle over sin and death, Jesus comes today to clothe you in the uniform of His righteousness and outfit you in the whole armor of God. The One whose foot crushed the head of the serpent is the One who forgives and renews you today. The peace He gives is what we are gathered here this day to receive and then go and share.

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 downstairs in this building or on this floor level across the bridge that connects this building with the Family Life Center. The restrooms are on the left before entering the Fellowship Hall. Children are welcome in our Service and they will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 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**

Call it "Rally Day" or "Christian Education Sunday," today we celebrate our Sunday School children and those who teach them. The responsibility for teaching children rests with their parents. The role of the congregation is to assist parents in teaching their children God's Word. Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism was written in 1529 to help do just that. There we find before each of the "chief parts" these words: "As the head of the household should teach them in a simple way." From the hymnwriter Isaac Watts we are reminded, "Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old, which in our younger days we saw, and which our parents told." (LSB 867)

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Aidan Sutterfield
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Robert Nichols
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Ushers:	(8:15)	Roy Andrews, Roy Bullard John Ketcher, Gary Proud
Greeters:	(8:15)	Jack and Pat Funk
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Dorris Deislinger, Mildred Wilkins
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Owen McCrory
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Paul Krueger, Gervais LeBlanc Jeff Ralston
Greeters:	(10:45)	Jeff and Ginny Ralston
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ginny Ralston
Choirs:		Adult Choir Sunday School Classes
Coffee Host:		Board of Christian Education
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** – The appointed readings for next Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, are: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a, Epistle Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18, and Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It - Robert J. Powell*

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It - Kevin Hildebrand*

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

**LSB 594**

**Service Note (10:45):** *The Choirs will sing Stanza One and all join in thereafter.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

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

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13*

**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, *[and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,]*

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

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 51:2*

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C** and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**C** wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from your presence,

**C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

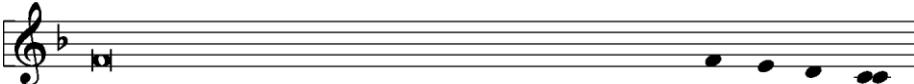
**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**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** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C** and cleanse me from my sin!



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

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



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

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

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



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

**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.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

- 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

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

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

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

*Matt. 5:8*



- P** Blessed are the | pure in heart,\*  
for they | shall see God.



- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh 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.**

**Nicene Creed (8:15)**

- 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**

## Apostles' Creed (10:45)

**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*

**Hymn: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

**LSB 740**

*Service Note (10:45): The Sunday School Classes will sing Stanza One.*

**Children's Message**

Sermon Hymn: Be Strong in the Lord

LSB 665 (Tune: Hanover)



1. Be strong in the Lord In ar - mor of light,  
2. In - teg - ry - ty gird You round to im - part  
3. With ea - ger - ness shod Stand firm in your place,  
4. Though Sa - tan pre - sume To test you and try,  
5. So wield well your blade, Re - joice in its pow'rs,



With hel - met and sword, With shield for the fight;  
The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;  
Or go forth for God With news of His grace;  
In hel - met and plume Your head shall be high;  
Fight on un - dis - mayed For Je - sus is our!



On prayer be de - pen - dent, Be belt - ed and shod,  
His righ - teous - ness wear - ing As breast - plate of mail,  
No foe shall dis - arm you Nor force you to yield,  
Be - set by tem - ta - tion Be true to your Lord,  
Then in Him vic - tor - ious Your ar - mor lay down,



In breast - plate re - splen - dent: The ar - mor of God.  
His vic - to - ry shar - ing, Be strong to pre - vail.  
No ar - row can harm you With faith as your shield.  
Your hel - met sal - va - tion And Scrip - ture your sword.  
To praise, e - ver glo - rious, His cross and His crown.

Sermon

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

*“Be Strong in the Lord!”*

Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Staff

## Farewell and Godspeed to a Seminary Student

*The Student is presented before the altar. The Pastor addresses the congregation:*

### Greeting

- P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Joshua Alan Ralston, whose faith and life have been nurtured in this congregation, has been led to enter upon a course of study to prepare him to serve as pastor in the Church. As he begins his study, we look to the Word of God for encouragement, strength, and guidance. The apostle Paul writes:

### Scripture Readings

*Romans 12:3-8*

- P** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

*Colossians 3:15-17*

- P** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Stand*

### Psalm

*Psalm 37:5; 100*

- P** Commit your way to the LORD;  
**C** **trust in him, and he will act.**
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**C** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**
- P** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;  
**C** **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
- P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
**C** **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

- P** For the LORD is good;  
**C** his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
- 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

*The student may kneel.*

## Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on Joshua Alan Ralston who has been moved to begin preparation for work in Your kingdom. By Your Holy Spirit, grant him an open mind and heart to hear and learn Your holy Word. Grant him the ability to serve You faithfully and effectively after his instruction is completed. Support, strengthen, and protect him during the years that lie ahead so that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen

## Blessing

- P** Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.
- C** Amen

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends with the following:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

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

Sit

**Offering**

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb - Charles W. Ore*

Stand

**Offertory: We Give Thee But Thine Own**

**LSB 781**



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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# Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

## Preface

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

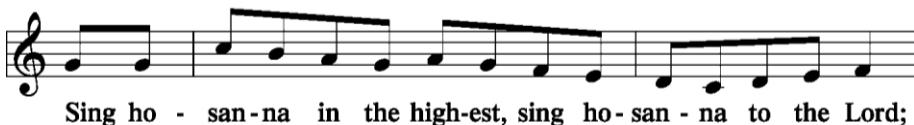
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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*



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*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: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Hymn: Lamb of God

Hymn: Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

LSB 634

LSB 550

LSB 867

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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.

**C** Amen

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**LSB 922**

## Postlude

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing - Michael Burkhardt*



## Service Concludes (10:45)

## 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**

## Collect

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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## Postlude

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor
	9:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Pastor Walter’s Bible Class
	10:45 a.m. – Divine Service
	4:00 p.m. – Youth group meet at the Junkans
<b>MON - FRI:</b>	7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)
<b>MONDAY:</b>	7:00 p.m. – Voters’ Meeting
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	12:00 noon – Sit and Sew
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s) 7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - The summer Sunday School quarter ends with, “The Spirit Makes the Church Grow: Philip and the Ethiopian.” The Holy Spirit led Philip to extend God’s Church by helping the Ethiopian understand God’s Word and then baptizing him. The Holy Spirit extends God’s Church through pastors and other church workers. Discuss, “*How can God use you to extend the Church today?*”

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

**PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS** meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter continues a study from the series **God’s Word for Today: Galatians – The Cost of Freedom**. The next lesson is **Lesson 9 – “The Sixth Proof – The Law Enslaves” (Galatians 4:21-31)**.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY** - Our Sunday School teachers and staff will be installed in our worship service this morning. We really appreciate their dedication!! Thank you to the Board of Christian Education for hosting the Rally Day celebration for our children today.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** time is hosted by the Board of Christian Fellowship. This is a good time to visit with Josh Ralston and share your well wishes as he prepares to move to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and begin his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – We have a couple of open Sundays on the Altar Flower Calendar – September 20<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check the calendar in the ushers’ room and sign up for one of these dates to place flowers on the Altar.

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Aug. 30 – Linnea and Tommy Weed

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

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Aug. 30 – Kathryn Moseley

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

Sept. 2 – Jim Gray

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

Sept. 4 – Carrie Eubanks, Paulette Goldsby, Raymond Harrill, Brenna Stewart

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

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Ann Stoker continues her recovery following surgery.

Gisela Spieker continues her recovery at home.

Kay Jenkins is recovering following back surgery.

Kelly Troy is recovering following knee replacement surgery last week.

Steve Gertsch continues his recovery following shoulder surgery.

Evelyn Chotkowski is at Good Shepherd Nursing Center.

Joan Ann Olsen is continuing her recovery at home.

Dennis Fastenau is at home and continuing his treatments.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance:** Sunday 8/23: 185 (8:15 – 98 and 10:45 – 87). Mid-Week Service 8/26: 15. **Offerings:** Sunday 8/23: \$5,897.00. Mid-Week 8/19: \$210.00. Missions: \$5.00. Memorials: \$65.00.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE** – You are invited to the Installation Service of The Rev. Robert Benke this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 1196 DeSoto Boulevard in Hot Springs Village.

**GRACE YOUTH GROUP (GYG) GAME NIGHT** — Junior and Senior Youth and their parents are invited TODAY AT 4:00PM to the Junkans' house. Come and play foosball, volleyball, air hockey, Wii, ping pong, Frisbee, basketball, and tether ball. The Junkans are providing hot dogs, condiments, and paperware. Please bring a 2 liter drink as well as a dessert or “side” to share. **There is still time to RSVP** to Joel, Gina, or Emily so we can get a final hot dog count. See you soon!

**VOTERS' MEETING** is **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Tim Loyd, assistant executive director, will lead the meeting.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** - Thanks to those who have signed up for the fellowship time between our 8:15 Service and Sunday School and Bible Class. **We still have Sundays available in September – September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.** Please take a minute to look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. We appreciate your help. **THANK YOU!!**

**FOOD PANTRY – It's time to restock some items in our *Food Pantry*.** We are in need of macaroni and cheese, canned meats such as spam, vienna sausages, chicken, and tuna; and a variety of canned chunky (meat and vegetable) soups. Please **NO** creamed soups. Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL FISH FRY** sponsored by ACTS will be held **September 26<sup>th</sup>.** The Bounce House will be available for the kids from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. with the youth supervising. "**Eat My Catfish**" from Benton will be cooking catfish, chicken and the trimmings on site. We will supplement with a potluck. We will need an approximate of the number planning to attend, and Sammie Harrill will be making a list of attendance as well as anything you wish to bring to the potluck. We want you to come with or without a covered dish. The first Sunday that I will be making a list is September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please put this on your calendar. *Thanks, Sammie Harrill*

**GRACE FALL CRAFT SHOW - Applications now being accepted for booth rentals at the Grace Fall Craft Show.** Mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 14, 2015** for the **Fall Craft Show and Used Book Sale.** We gladly accept donations of used books beginning mid-October. The Fall Craft Show and Book Sale will benefit Kevin Ray, 4<sup>th</sup> year student at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, and Josh Ralston, 1<sup>st</sup> year student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Matching funds will be donated by Thrivent Financial. Contact Riley Middaugh at 954-9281 or email at ram0220@aol.com for more information. Follow us on Facebook at **facebook.com/groups/gracecraftshow.**

#### **MEMORIALS -**

**IN MEMORY OF MRS. MAGGIE BISCHOF CECIL – Mother of Rudy Bischof  
TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND**  
By Terry and Linda Bradshaw

**IN MEMORY OF MR. BILL WILKINS  
TO THE GRACE MUSIC FUND**  
By Irvin and Sherry Clawitter

# **Music at Grace**

## **Music Kickoff**

**September 8 @ 6pm in Parker Hall**

**All are welcome**

**Here are some ways *you* can be a part  
of the music at Grace:**

**Adult Choir**

**Handbell Choir**

**Children's Choir**

**Brass Ensemble**

**Cantor**

**Vocal Soloist**

**Instrumental Soloist**

**For more information, contact Nathan Beethe**

**nathan@gracelutherallr.org**

**(501) 663-3631**

# LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

## School Kits



Again this year our LWML Lutheran World Relief Project is “**School Kits.**” These kits provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or they help parents continue their children’s education while living in a refugee camp. Now is a great time to take advantage of the school supply sales. Our goal is to make **over 75 school kits.** We are in need of the following items:

- **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

We are also in need of volunteers to make school bags for these supplies. Easy patterns for the bags and some fabric are available in the breezeway.

Thank you for supporting our Lutheran World Relief Projects. Contact Ginny Ralston at 425-1487 if you have questions.



Lutheran World Relief

# Grace Lutheran Youth Pancake Lunch and Silent Auction

**What:** All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Lunch and  
a variety of Themed Auction Baskets

**When:** Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> after the  
10:45 Worship Service

**Where:** Parker Fellowship Hall

**Ticket Prices:**

**Adults: \$7.50**

**Children 3-10: \$5.00**

**Children 2 and Under: Free**

Tickets are available from the Youth.  
They will be in the breezeway between services.

Bidding for Silent Auction Baskets and other items will begin  
Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and will close Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Winners will be announced at the Pancake Lunch.

Questions can be directed to Emily Junkans.

**We hope to see you there!**